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Please find attached the Warrington Borough Council submission for the warding arrangements consultation, as agreed by Full Council on 10 March 2026.

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Local Government Boundary Review
Warding Arrangements Submission - March 2026



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Executive summary

Warrington Borough Council is submitting a comprehensive, borough-wide scheme for revised warding arrangements, developed in accordance with the three statutory criteria set by the Local Government Boundary Commission for England (LGBCE): electoral equality, community identity, and effective and convenient local government. These criteria have been given equal weight throughout the review process and are set out accordingly for each of the proposed wards.

While the Commission recommends starting from a blank map, the Council determined—due to time constraints and clear member consensus—that existing ward structures remained broadly logical, community-focused and representative of natural boundaries. Accordingly, existing wards were used as a practical foundation, with revisions made to improve electoral equality and strengthen community coherence.

The Council undertook an evidence-based process facilitated by its Geographic Information Service (GIS), enabling detailed mapping and analysis of projected electorate growth. The borough's electorate is anticipated to reach 172,363 by 2031, resulting in an average of 2,873 electors per councillor. In line with Commission guidance, the borough was divided into four review areas (Central, Eastern, Southern and Western), with members providing critical local insight throughout a series of briefing and feedback sessions.

A central conclusion of the review is the need to adjust the total council size from the Commission's indicative figure of 60 to 61 councillors, therefore changing the average electors per councillor to 2,826. This is necessary to maintain community identity and avoid crossing strong physical boundaries—particularly in Latchford, a geographically defined community bounded by the Manchester Ship Canal and River Mersey. Latchford's projected electorate of 13,096 requires five councillors to maintain fair representation and avoid splitting the community between wards.

Additional representation is also required in areas experiencing significant growth, including the town centre and South Warrington (especially in relation to the South East Urban Extension). The proposals therefore reflect both current and planned developments.

The submission recommends increasing the total number of wards from 22 to 24, with revised ward boundaries and names that balance all statutory criteria and align, where possible, with existing parish council boundaries. These proposals ensure that communities remain intact, ward boundaries are logical and recognisable, and electoral equality is achieved across the borough.

This proposal was approved by full Council on Tuesday 10 March 2026.

Central Cluster (18)

The central cluster comprises the six existing wards surrounding Warrington town centre. These wards are predominantly urban and densely populated, with multiple overlapping community identities, which makes the task of establishing clear and distinct ward boundaries more complex. A key unifying feature across this area is the Central 6 Masterplan, a long-term initiative designed to bring these neighbourhoods together to create a cleaner, greener and healthier central borough. The term *Central 6* is widely used to describe this collective area. It is also notable that none of the wards within this cluster fall within a parish council boundary.

The central cluster requires at least 18 councillors in order to maintain a good level of electoral equality in the area.

Ward (No of Members)	Electoral Equality (2031)	Community Identity	Effective Local Government	Name
Bank Quay & Town Centre (2)	<p>Projected Electorate – 5,223</p> <p>Elector/Councillor Ratio – 2,661</p> <p>Variance -9.78%</p> <p>The variance for this ward is close to the 10% level but this allows for further growth in the town centre and increased density of housing.</p>	<p>There has been significant growth in the town centre electorate in recent years, and this trend is expected to continue throughout the review period. The proposed ward would encompass the entire town centre, including the major retail areas of Golden Square and Cockhedge, as well as key transport hubs such as Warrington Bank Quay, Warrington Central, and the main bus station.</p>	<p>The Liverpool–Manchester railway provides a clear and easily defined boundary along the northern edge of the ward. From this point, the boundary continues along Mersey Street to the Bridge Foot roundabout, before following the River Mersey southwards to meet the North–South railway line. On the western side, the boundary again follows the River Mersey up to Sankey Way, before</p>	<p>It is appropriate for the ward name to reference the town centre, as the area encompasses the full extent of Warrington’s central district. Including <i>Bank Quay</i> within the name ensures that the communities located south of the town centre are also clearly represented. Bank Quay is a well-known and easily identifiable landmark, making it a logical and inclusive</p>



		<p>Incorporating these areas within a single ward provides coherence and supports the development of a distinct community identity, reflecting the increasing number of residents choosing to live in the town centre. The area south of Bank Quay, including the Rivers Edge development, represents a new and growing residential community with strong links to the town centre. Although this area also has connections to Latchford, the River Mersey provides a clear and logical physical boundary that reinforces its alignment with the town centre ward.</p>	<p>turning to track the line of the Sankey Canal, ultimately reconnecting with the Liverpool–Manchester railway. This approach uses strong, logical physical features that support both clarity and effective local governance.</p>	<p>addition to the ward name.</p>
Bewsey & Dallam (2)	Projected Electorate – 5,940	The previous ward in this area was geographically large and lacked	The southern boundary for this ward is proposed to follow the Liverpool–	Including Bewsey in the ward name maintains continuity with the



	<p>Elector/Councillor Ratio – 2,970 Variance +2.61%</p>	<p>cohesion, with limited connection between the northern and southern parts. The communities of Bewsey and Dallam, located north of the town centre, east of Sankey Brook and west of Winwick Road, have a strong and distinct community identity. Residents clearly identify themselves as living in either Bewsey or Dallam, and the proposed ward boundaries reflect this established sense of place.</p>	<p>Manchester railway line, which provides a clear and obvious dividing line between the area north of the town centre and the town centre itself. The remaining boundaries follow logical physical features: Sankey Brook to the west, Cromwell Avenue to the north, and Winwick Road down to Cockhedge Roundabout in the east. While the major roads used as boundaries do not represent definitive community divides, they are strong physical features that offer clear and easily understood demarcation points for where the ward begins and ends.</p>	<p>existing designation, while the addition of Dallam ensures that this distinct and well-defined community is fully and appropriately represented.</p>
<p>Fairfield & Howley (3)</p>	<p>Projected Electorate – 8,794</p>	<p>There is a strong and well-defined community identity in this area, centred around</p>	<p>The River Mersey provides a clear and logical southern boundary. To the west,</p>	<p>The name for the current ward in the area is an accurate reflection of the community.</p>



	<p>Elector/Councillor Ratio – 2,928 Variance +1.15%</p>	<p>Manchester Road (A57), St Elphin's Park, and the local schools. The existing ward is long-established and continues to reflect the community accurately.</p>	<p>the boundary runs from the river to the A50, while to the east it follows the A49 from Bridgefoot to Orford Lane. Although the boundary along Orford Lane is less distinct in community terms, it still utilises prominent main roads, ensuring clear and easily understood demarcation.</p>	
<p>Latchford East (2)</p>	<p>Projected Electorate – 5,538</p> <p>Elector/Councillor Ratio – 2,769 Variance -4.33%</p> <p>When considering Latchford as a whole, based on its electorate compared to the average Councillor/Elector ratio it should have 4.63 Councillors, rounded up to 5. Having 5 councillors for this area</p>	<p>There is a strong case for treating the Latchford area as a single, cohesive entity. The community has a clear and established identity, centred around shared assets such as Victoria Park and Sir Thomas Boteler High School, and is well connected through key road infrastructure. Geographically, the community is defined by the area north of the</p>	<p>Both Latchford East and Latchford West benefit from strong, clearly defined outer boundaries created by the Manchester Ship Canal and the River Mersey. The boundary between the two internal wards is less distinct but is proposed to run from the River Mersey down Grange Avenue to Knutsford Road, then along Grammar School Road to the Ship Canal.</p>	<p>It is important that both wards retain Latchford within their names to ensure that residents across the area feel appropriately represented and that the strong local identity is preserved.</p>



	ensures that no wards have to cross the clear physical boundaries of the river and ship canal. Creating a 2 member ward in Latchford East.	Manchester Ship Canal and south and east of the River Mersey. Any warding pattern that crosses these natural boundaries would not accurately reflect the community as experienced by local residents. resources such as Victoria Park, Sir Thomas Boteler High School, connected by key road infrastructure through the area. The community is defined as areas north of the Manchester Ship Canal and south and east of the River Mersey. Any wards crossing these boundaries would not accurately reflect the communities of the area.	This route follows prominent and easily recognisable roads, providing a clear and practical demarcation between the two wards. The previous boundary arrangement in this area included several anomalies, including a division that cut through a semi-detached property. These issues have now been resolved through the revised boundary proposals.	
Latchford West (3)	Projected Electorate – 8,439 Elector/Councillor Ratio – 2,813	There is a strong case for treating the Latchford area as a single entity. The community has a clear and established	It is proposed that the area around Latchford Locks, together with the land west of Chester Road extending to	It is important that both wards retain Latchford within their names to ensure that residents across the area feel



	<p>Variance -2.81%</p> <p>Creating a 3 member ward for Latchford West.</p>	<p>identity, centred around shared resources such as Victoria Park and Sir Thomas Boteler High School, and is well connected through key road infrastructure. Geographically, the community is defined by the area north of the Manchester Ship Canal and south and east of the River Mersey. Any warding arrangements that cross these boundaries would not accurately reflect the established community. The area west of Walton Locks, south of the River Mersey and north of the Manchester Ship Canal should also be included within Latchford West, as it more accurately reflects the community pattern in this locality. Although previously part of Bewsey & Whitecross, residents in this area are</p>	<p>Morley Common, be incorporated into the ward. The boundary would continue to follow the River Mersey to the railway bridge. This creates a clear and logical boundary, maintaining consistency with the existing ward line and ensuring that the newly included area remains aligned with the established community identity.</p>	<p>appropriately represented and that the strong local identity is preserved.</p>
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		far better connected to Latchford.		
Orford (3)	<p>Projected Electorate – 8,850</p> <p>Elector/Councillor Ratio – 2,950</p> <p>Variance +1.91%</p>	Orford is a well-defined community with a strong local identity, centred around key shared facilities such as the Orford Jubilee Hub, Orford Park and Beamont Collegiate Academy.	<p>The western boundary of the ward follows Winwick Road, while the southern boundary runs along Orford Lane to O’Leary Street, continuing onto Orford Road and Poplars Avenue. The northern boundary is defined by Statham Avenue, extending towards Longford.</p> <p>Due to the densely populated nature of the area, some of these boundaries are less clearly defined in community terms; however, they follow prominent roads and provide practical and recognisable demarcation lines.</p>	Orford is a clear name for this ward. Some residents living outside of the ward will identify as living in Orford however the main core of the area is contained within this ward so it is appropriate to accurately reflect the name of this area.
Orford North & Poplars (3)	Projected Electorate – 8,315	The identity of this area is largely centred around	The northern boundary of the ward follows the	Poplars Avenue forms the centre of the ward



	<p>Elector/Councillor Ratio – 2,772 Variance -4.24%</p>	<p>Poplars Avenue, with many residents in the southern part of the ward identifying themselves as living in Orford. The new development at Peel Hall will significantly reshape the character of the ward by adding more than 1,000 electors. This is the only ward within the central cluster that includes Parish Council areas, with parts of Winwick Parish Council and Poulton-with-Fearnhead Parish Council currently falling within its boundaries. To accommodate the substantial growth associated with the Peel Hall development, it is proposed that the area within Poulton-with-Fearnhead Parish be transferred to the new ward of <i>Poulton</i></p>	<p>M62, while the eastern boundary runs along Blackbrook Avenue to Birchwood Way (A574), then continues to Black Brook before following the boundary of Poulton-with-Fearnhead Parish Council. The western boundary is less clearly defined but incorporates Poplars Avenue and Statham Avenue, crossing Winwick Road and extending to Sankey Brook. Although the ward includes small areas of Winwick Parish Council, it is considered appropriate to retain the M62 as the northern boundary, as it is a strong and logical physical feature that clearly separates communities.</p>	<p>and is a major thoroughfare for that part of the ward. A large number of residents in the area identify as living in Orford which is a larger area than the ward of Orford. Including Orford in the name of the ward, distinguishing it from the other ward will give greater clarity and representation.</p>
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		<i>and Fearnhead</i> , better reflecting the community identity of the area. This land was moved into Poplars and Hulme during the last boundary review, and it is now proposed that the boundary reverts to its previous alignment.		
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East Cluster (14)

The eastern cluster of wards comprises the areas located to the east of the town centre and the Central 6 wards, extending along Manchester/Liverpool Road towards the M6 and the borough's north-eastern boundary. This part of the borough is diverse in character: the wards



immediately east of the town centre are predominantly suburban, while areas beyond the M6 are more rural, containing a network of interconnected villages. Birchwood, although a largely self-contained and densely developed community, is also well connected to the rest of the borough and the wider region through strong rail and road infrastructure.

The east cluster requires between 13-14 councillors in order to maintain a good level of electoral equality in the area.

Ward	Electoral Equality (2031)	Community Identity	Effective Local Government	Name
Birchwood (3)	Projected Electorate – 8,413 Elector/Councillor Ratio – 2,804 Variance -3.12%	Birchwood is a clearly defined area with a strong and cohesive identity. Although there are distinct neighbourhoods within the wider Birchwood area—such as Gorse Covert and Risley—residents generally identify with Birchwood as a whole. The community is supported by a range of shared facilities and amenities, including Birchwood Shopping Centre, Birchwood Station and Birchwood High School. The entire area is also covered by Birchwood Town Council, further	The boundaries for this ward are very clear and easy to define. The area is contained by the M6 to the west, the M62 to the north and the Liverpool–Manchester railway to the south, creating strong and distinct physical boundaries. These boundaries are also coterminous with those of Birchwood Town Council. In the far west of the ward, the boundary dips below the M6 to ensure that Croft Parish Council is fully incorporated into the Culcheth, Glazebury and Croft ward. Although this represents a slight deviation from the	Birchwood is a very clear name for this ward as it encompasses the whole of the area.



		reinforcing its unified identity.	otherwise strong physical boundaries, it avoids placing a very small section of a parish council within Birchwood, which would be neither practical nor reflective of the established community identity.	
Culcheth, Glazebury & Croft (3)	<p>Projected Electorate – 9,727</p> <p>Elector/Councillor Ratio – 3,242</p> <p>Variance +12.02%</p> <p>The electoral equality of this ward is above the 10% variance from the average for the borough, however, due to the other criteria of community identity and effective local government it is proposed that this be accepted in this instance.</p>	<p>The rural nature of this ward creates a distinct and cohesive identity for the area. It is characterised by a network of interconnected villages and is supported by the two Parish Councils of Culcheth and Glazebury and Croft. Although the ward's electoral equality exceeds the 10% variance, any reduction in its size would require removing small sections of the community and placing them into</p>	<p>The ward sits on the edge of the borough, with its boundaries fixed on two sides. The western and southern boundaries follow the M6 and M62, with the exception of a small section that dips below the M62 to align with the boundary of Croft Parish Council. These are strong, easily identifiable physical boundaries. The ward is also coterminous with the Culcheth & Glazebury and Croft Parish Councils,</p>	<p>The name allows for representation of the core villages of the area as well as reflecting the two Parish Councils.</p>



		neighbouring wards with which they have little or no affinity. Such changes would undermine both community identity and the practical functioning of local governance, as residents in these areas do not identify with surrounding communities.	supporting effective and coherent local governance. Given the clarity and strength of these physical boundaries, no alterations are proposed. Maintaining these lines ensures consistency and provides clear, easily understood demarcation for residents and service delivery.	
Padgate, Paddington & Bruche (2)	Projected Electorate – 5,812 Elector/Councillor Ratio – 2,906 Variance +0.40%	This area has a clear and distinct identity, primarily centred around the communities of Padgate, Paddington and Bruche. Most of the ward lies within Poulton-with-Fearnhead Parish Council, with well-defined boundaries across the majority of the area. It is proposed that the area surrounding Bruche Community Primary	The southern boundary of the ward follows the River Mersey, while the western boundary runs along Kingsway North up to the northern boundary at Birchwood Way (A574). The northern boundary continues along Birchwood Way before dipping south through Longbarn to meet the Liverpool–Manchester railway line. It then returns towards	This area was previously covered by Poulton South ward but it is proposed that the name be changed to incorporate the core areas of Padgate, Paddington and Bruche. These areas have clear local identities with residents more often identifying as living in these areas. Including them in the name of the ward allows for greater



		<p>School be incorporated into the ward. Although the vast majority of pupils attending the school live within the ward, the school itself currently sits outside the boundary. This misalignment causes practical difficulties when addressing matters affecting the school and its community. Bringing the school within the ward boundary would create a more coherent and logical arrangement that better reflects local identity and patterns of use.</p>	<p>Padgate Station and proceeds down Seymour Drive to Manchester Road (A57). It is proposed that the boundary then follows the Poulton-with-Fearnhead Parish boundary along Spittle Brook back to the River Mersey. This approach aligns the ward boundary with strong physical features and existing parish boundaries, creating a coherent and logical perimeter.</p>	<p>community identity and clarity.</p>
<p>Poulton & Fearnhead (3)</p>	<p>Projected Electorate – 8,339</p> <p>Elector/Councillor Ratio – 2,780</p> <p>Variance -3.97%</p>	<p>This ward is entirely contained within a section of Poulton-with-Fearnhead Parish Council, although the parish boundary itself extends into the neighbouring ward. The</p>	<p>There is a clear eastern and northern boundary following the M6 and M62. The western boundary runs along Blackbrook Avenue, aligning with the Parish Council boundary,</p>	<p>This name reflects that all of this ward is within Poulton-with-Fearnhead Parish Council and the inclusion of Fearnhead allows for a large area of the ward to be adequately represented.</p>



		<p>areas of Fearnhead, Longbarn and Cinnamon Brow are well-defined and distinct parts of the town, each contributing to a clear community identity that is separate both from the Central 6 wards and from the areas located east of the M6.</p> <p>The community north of Birchwood Way, particularly around Brook Acre School, is closely connected to the rest of the ward, supported by ongoing community initiatives that reinforce local cohesion.</p>	<p>before continuing down Black Brook and Padgate Brook to Hilden Island. The area north of Birchwood Way, particularly around Brook Acre School, is closely connected to the rest of the ward, supported by ongoing community initiatives that strengthen local cohesion.</p>	
Rixton & Woolston (3)	<p>Projected Electorate – 8,131</p> <p>Elector/Councillor Ratio – 2,710</p> <p>Variance -6.36%</p>	<p>This ward comprises two distinct areas: Woolston, a suburban community located west of the M6, and Rixton, a rural village extending east of the M6 to the borough's eastern</p>	<p>The ward is coterminous with both Rixton-with-Glazebrook Parish Council and Woolston Parish Council, allowing for clear and consistent demarcation. The</p>	<p>The name accurately reflects the two distinct communities of the ward.</p>



		<p>boundary. Despite their differing characteristics, the two areas are well connected via Manchester Road, which provides access to shared facilities and services along this route. The ward also fully encompasses both Woolston Parish Council and Rixton-with-Glazebrook Parish Council, supporting clear and coherent local governance.</p>	<p>southern boundary follows the Manchester Ship Canal, while the northern boundary runs along the Liverpool–Manchester railway—both strong and easily identifiable physical features.</p>	
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The South Warrington area is distinct from the rest of the borough and comprises all wards located south of the Manchester Ship Canal. It contains a mixture of smaller villages and suburban neighbourhoods, becoming increasingly rural toward the borough's external boundaries. The area encompasses several well-established communities, including Stockton Heath, Grappenhall, Thelwall, Appleton and Lymm.

In addition, South Warrington contains seven Parish Councils, each with long-standing and clearly defined boundaries. Wherever possible, aligning ward boundaries with these parish boundaries helps to preserve strong community identity and supports effective local governance. Coterminal boundaries have been achieved in Lymm, Grappenhall and Thelwall, Stockton Heath, and Walton. The remaining areas of Appleton, Hatton and Stretton collectively require four Councillors in order to divide the area appropriately while maintaining electoral equality and community coherence.

The south cluster requires at least 13 Councillors in order to maintain good electoral equality in the area.

Ward	Electoral Equality (2031)	Community Identity	Effective Local Government	Name
Appleton North (2)	Electorate – 5,981 Elector/Councillor Ratio – 2,991 Variance +3.32%	Appleton is a distinct community, with residents strongly identifying with the area. It is covered by Appleton Parish Council and includes suburban neighbourhoods in the north, transitioning into more rural areas towards the south. The proposed ward encompasses the majority of Appleton, including the areas of Cobbs, Hillcliffe, and the northern parts of Appleton Park and Dudlow's Green.	The northern, eastern and western boundaries follow the existing Appleton Parish Council boundary, providing clear and consistent demarcation. The boundary with the neighbouring Appleton ward begins at the western parish boundary and then crosses London Road, following Dudlow Green Road to Longwood Road, continuing down to Rosemoor Gardens, then along Green Lane	The name would clarify that this is the northern portion of Appleton and does not contain the whole of the Parish Council.



			and Dodd's Lane to the parish boundary with Grappenhall and Thelwall. While this boundary does cut through parts of the Appleton Park and Dudlow's Green communities, it enables a more balanced distribution of representation, allowing for two Councillors in each of the Appleton wards.	
Appleton South, Hatton & Stretton (2)	Electorate – 6012 Elector/Councillor Ratio – 3,006 Variance +3.85%	The southern parts of Appleton Park and Dudlow's Green fall within this ward, along with the village of Appleton Thorn, which has a distinct and well-established community identity. The ward also fully contains the Hatton and Stretton parishes, both of which are separate and recognisable	The boundary with the other Appleton ward is as outlined in the Appleton North submission. The remainder of the boundary follows the existing Appleton Parish Council boundary and the external boundaries of the borough, providing a clear and consistent perimeter.	The inclusion of Hatton and Stretton in the name will provide greater representation for residents of these areas as well as noting that a portion Appleton is within the ward.



		communities located on the outskirts of the borough.		
Grappenhall & Thelwall (3)	Projected Electorate – 8,925 Elector/Councillor Ratio – 2,975 Variance +2.78%	This area is largely defined by the existing Parish Council boundary, which encompasses the two distinct communities of Grappenhall and Thelwall, separated by Knutsford Road. The area is experiencing significant development, a trend that is expected to continue throughout the review period and beyond, particularly in relation to the South East Urban Extension. This planned growth has the potential to fundamentally change the character of the area in the years ahead.	The proposed boundary follows the existing Parish Council boundary, and having the ward coterminous with the parish provides clarity and supports more effective representation in the area.	The name clearly includes the two main communities of this area and matches the parish council in the area.
Lymm North (2)	Projected Electorate – 5,671	Lymm is a distinct area within south Warrington, characterised by a	The boundary of this ward follows the Parish Council boundary until it	The name gives a clear demarcation as the ward contains all areas of



	<p>Elector/Councillor Ratio – 2,836 Variance -2.03%</p>	<p>strong and cohesive village identity. It is recognised as a single community located east of the M6 motorway, in the south-east of the borough. The area is also served by a single Parish Council that represents the whole of the village, further reinforcing its unified community structure.</p>	<p>divides along the Bridgewater Canal. In order to create two wards of roughly equal size within the parish area, the canal provides the most logical and easily identifiable dividing line. It offers a clear, strong physical boundary that supports effective local governance and reflects the geography of the community.</p>	<p>Lymm north of the Bridgewater Canal.</p>
<p>Lymm South (2)</p>	<p>Electorate – 5,566 Elector/Councillor Ratio – 2,783 Variance -3.86%</p>	<p>Lymm is a distinct area within south Warrington, recognised as a cohesive village community. It is located east of the M6 motorway, in the south-east of the borough. The area is also served by a single Parish Council, which represents the whole of the village and</p>	<p>The boundary of this ward follows the Parish Council boundary until it divides along the Bridgewater Canal. To create two wards of roughly equal size within the parish, the canal provides the most logical and easily identifiable dividing line. It offers a strong physical boundary that is simple to understand and</p>	<p>The name gives a clear demarcation as the ward contains all areas of Lymm south of the Bridgewater Canal.</p>



		reinforces its strong and unified local identity.	effectively reflects the geography of the area.	
Stockton Heath & Walton (2)	Electorate – 6,309 Elector/Councillor Ratio – 3,155 Variance +8.98%	This ward contains two distinct communities: the village of Stockton Heath, whose boundaries are defined by the existing Parish Council, and the Parish of Walton. Although these are separate communities, there are strong and practical connections between them, with many amenities in Stockton Heath being used by residents of Walton. These shared facilities contribute to a sense of linkage between the two areas despite their distinct identities.	The northern boundary of the ward follows the Manchester Ship Canal, while the remaining boundaries align with the existing boundaries of both parish councils. Having both parish councils coterminous with the ward boundary provides clear and consistent demarcation and helps to avoid confusion regarding representation.	This name allows for equal representation of the distinct areas of Stockton Heath and Walton.

West Cluster (16)

The west Warrington area is predominantly suburban, situated to the west of the town centre and separated from the rest of the borough by the River Mersey, the Sankey Canal and Sankey Brook. The area has a strong local identity, supported by a range of shared resources including three high schools and significant transport infrastructure, such as the recently opened Warrington West railway station.

West Warrington has experienced substantial growth over the past 10–20 years; however, this growth has now slowed considerably, with only limited further development expected. The previous boundary review took account of earlier expansion, meaning that, in terms of electoral equality, the existing ward arrangements in this part of the borough remain largely appropriate.

The west cluster requires at least 16 Councillors in order to maintain good electoral equality in the area.

Ward	Electoral Equality (2031)	Community Identity	Effective Local Government	Name
Burtonwood & Winwick (2)	Electorate – 5,988 Elector/Councillor Ratio – 2,994 Variance +3.44%	There is a clear identity for the two areas above the M62 as the two separate villages of Burtonwood & Winwick with residents strongly identifying as living in these two areas. The area is split between two Parish Councils of Burtonwood & Westbrook and Winwick whose boundaries do dip below the M62. There is currently a proposal to split	The ward is contained by the external boundaries of the borough, with the M62 providing a strong and easily recognisable physical boundary. There are only a small number of locations where the area north of the motorway connects to areas south of it. A small salient below the M62 is required to maintain electoral equality within the ward. This is the most	This is a clear name to define the area by it's two distinct villages.



		Burtonwood and Westbrook Parish Council in two along the M62 boundary creating Burtonwood Parish Council and a Westbrook Parish Council. The Council has agreed to carry out this Community Governance Review which is on hold pending the outcome of the boundary review.	appropriate point at which to deviate from the motorway boundary, as the area is well connected to the rest of the ward via Burtonwood Road, allowing for reasonable accessibility. The area south of the M62 however is not closely connected to the rest of the ward in terms of community identity. It is proposed that a small piece of the Omega estate along Borsodi Blvd be added to Westbrook and Callands. This is to ensure a variance level for the ward below the 10% threshold.	
Chapelford & Old Hall (3)	Electorate – 8,196 Elector/Councillor Ratio – 2,732 Variance -5.62%	This area comprises two well-established communities that share key resources across the wider West Warrington area.	The ward benefits from strong physical boundaries, with the railway line forming the southern boundary, the A5281 defining the	The name reflects the two distinct but connected communities of the area.



			<p>western edge, and Sankey Brook providing a clear boundary to the east.</p> <p>The previous northern boundary with the Westbrook ward separated Westbrook Centre from the remainder of Westbrook, despite the centre being far more closely connected to Westbrook than to the neighbouring ward. Following input from local councillors, the boundary has been updated so that it now runs through Westbrook Crescent. While this route passes through gardens and behind properties rather than following major roads, it reflects the layout of the area, which consists of distinct housing estates that are not connected to each other via direct road links. The new</p>	
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			<p>boundary is therefore more logical and enables clearer and more efficient administration of the ward.</p> <p>To clarify, properties accessed from Cromwell Avenue, including Cartier Close are proposed to be within Chapelford and Old Hall Ward</p>	
Great Sankey North & Whittle Hall (3)	<p>Electorate – 8,974</p> <p>Elector/Councillor Ratio – 2,991</p> <p>Variance -3.34%</p>	<p>This ward contains a clear and cohesive community centred around the wider area and Parish of Great Sankey, which also includes the neighbouring but distinct community of Whittle Hall.</p>	<p>The western boundary of the ward follows the external boundary of the borough. The northern boundary aligns with the Parish Council boundary, although it now runs through warehouse units that have been constructed since the previous review. The ward benefits from clear western and southern boundaries along Liverpool Road (A57) and</p>	<p>This name accurately reflects that the ward contains a considerable portion of Great Sankey Parish Council but also the distinct area of Whittle Hall.</p>



			<p>Whittle Avenue (A5281), both of which provide strong, easily identifiable physical features.</p> <p>It is proposed that a small piece of the Omega estate along Borsodi Blvd be added to Westbrook and Callands ward. This area is required to ensure balance in the current ward of Burtonwood and Winwick however this proposal increases the variance of Westbrook and Callands to near 10%. This area could potentially be included within Great Sankey North and Whittle Hall as an alternative.</p>	
Great Sankey South and Sankey Bridges (3)	<p>Electorate – 8,400</p> <p>Elector/Councillor Ratio – 2800</p> <p>Variance -3.27%</p>	<p>There is a strong community identity in this area, centred around Liverpool Road (A57) and the shared school facilities used by</p>	<p>There are clear southern and eastern boundaries formed by the Manchester Ship Canal and the Sankey Canal, with only minor</p>	<p>The name is proposed to include the area of Sankey Bridges. This area is an unparished area and therefore not represented by the area</p>



		local residents. The ward covers areas within Great Sankey Parish Council as well as the unparished community around Sankey Bridges, reflecting the connections between these neighbouring areas.	deviations at the Pink Eye Roundabout. The northern boundary follows the railway line, providing another strong and easily recognisable physical feature. Overall, the existing boundaries in this area remain largely appropriate and effective.	of Great Sankey South. This name will provide greater clarity for residents in this area.
Penketh & Cuerdley (3)	Electorate – 8,822 Elector/Councillor Ratio – 2,941 Variance +1.59%	The area of Penketh is a clearly defined community centred around Liverpool Road, with shared resources such as Penketh High School and several primary schools. The majority of the ward is coterminous with Penketh Parish Council, reinforcing its strong local identity. To the south-west lies Cuerdley, a more rural area that includes the inactive Cuerdley Parish Council. While this area	The ward benefits from a strong boundary along Liverpool Road (A57), with a minor deviation to exclude Highfield Avenue. The proposed boundary also includes Great Sankey Primary School to align with established community links. In addition, the ward extends over Sankey Brook to improve electoral equality while maintaining coherent and practical boundary lines.	The name accurately reflects the distinct community of Penketh whilst also noting the inclusion of the more rural area of Cuerdley.



		currently has a different character, it is expected to change significantly in the future with the redevelopment of the Fiddlers Ferry site. However, this development is not included within the projected electorate figures up to 2031.		
Westbrook & Callands (2)	Electorate – 6,337 Elector/Councillor Ratio – 3,168 Variance +9.46% The proposals mean the variance is close to the 10% threshold and it is noted that this would be onerous for the Councillors in the ward.	This ward includes the clear community of Westbrook and the boundary also includes Westbrook Centre and Westbrook Centre which was previously not within the ward of Westbrook. The area of Callands is also a clearly defined community within the ward. The on hold Community Governance Review proposes the split of Burtonwood & Westbrook Parish	There are clear boundaries along the M62 and Sankey Brook to the north and east, and along Burtonwood Road to the west. The southern boundary has been drawn to include all of Westbrook Centre, as well as properties accessed from Westbrook Crescent. These areas are divided between this ward and Chapelford & Old Hall based on the accessibility of each estate from the	The proposed name includes Callands to ensure equal representation for residents in this area.



		<p>Council with the creation of a new entity south of the M62. This review has been accepted and will recommence following the conclusion of the boundary review.</p>	<p>respective ward, ensuring that communities remain aligned with their natural points of connection. To clarify, the proposed boundary is to include properties accessed from Westbrook Crescent – This includes, Ward Close, Blackshaw Drive, Firman Close, Barford Close, Shipton Close, Garwood Close.</p> <p>It is proposed that a small piece of the Omega estate along Borsodi Blvd be added to the ward. This area is required to ensure balance in the current ward of Burtonwood and Winwick however this proposal increases the variance of Westbrook and Callands to near 10%. This area could potentially be included within Great Sankey</p>	
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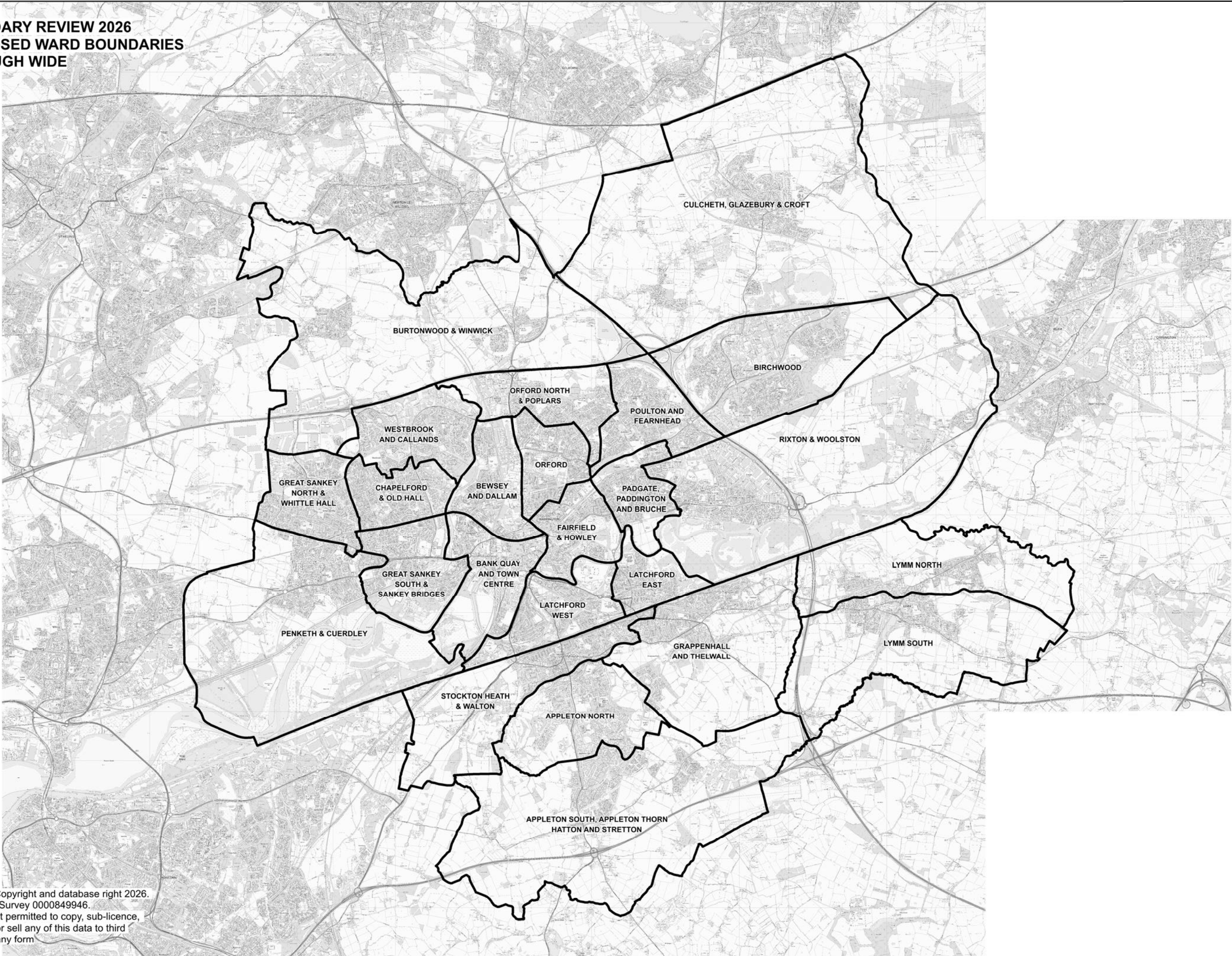


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			North and Whittle Hall as an alternative.	
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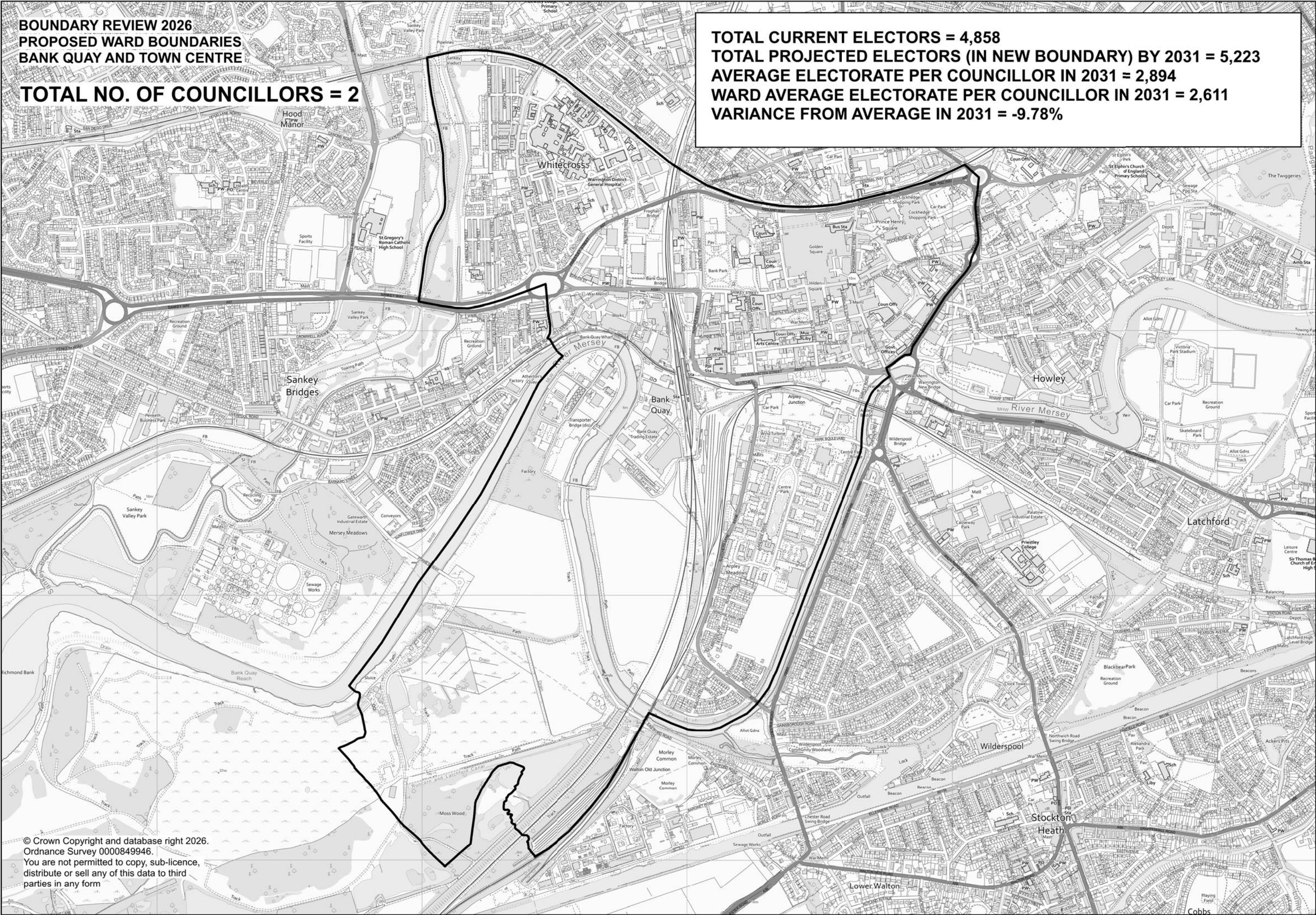
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BOROUGH WIDE**



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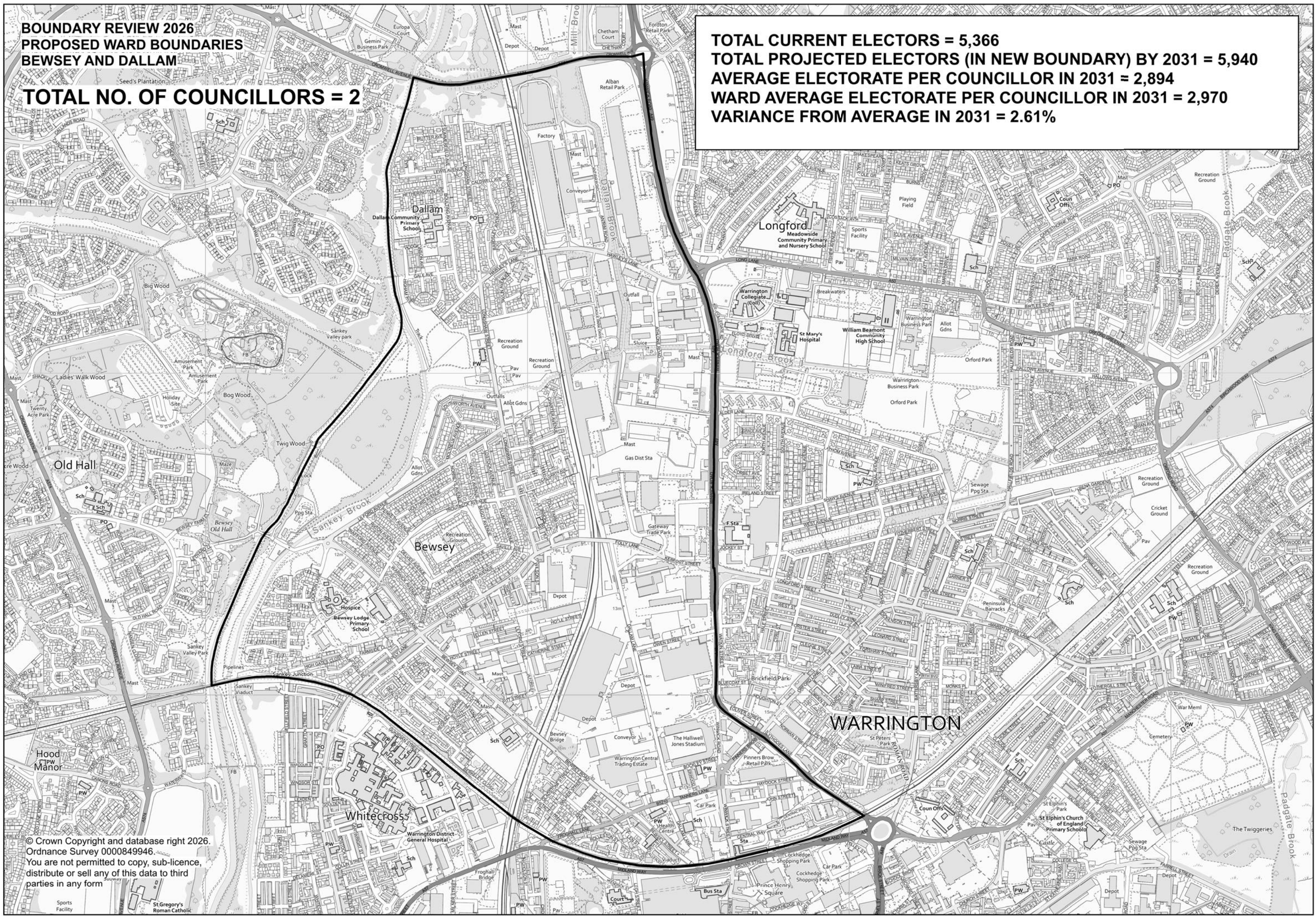
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PROPOSED WARD BOUNDARIES
BANK QUAY AND TOWN CENTRE
TOTAL NO. OF COUNCILLORS = 2

TOTAL CURRENT ELECTORS = 4,858
TOTAL PROJECTED ELECTORS (IN NEW BOUNDARY) BY 2031 = 5,223
AVERAGE ELECTORATE PER COUNCILLOR IN 2031 = 2,894
WARD AVERAGE ELECTORATE PER COUNCILLOR IN 2031 = 2,611
VARIANCE FROM AVERAGE IN 2031 = -9.78%



BOUNDARY REVIEW 2026
PROPOSED WARD BOUNDARIES
BEWSEY AND DALLAM
TOTAL NO. OF COUNCILLORS = 2

TOTAL CURRENT ELECTORS = 5,366
TOTAL PROJECTED ELECTORS (IN NEW BOUNDARY) BY 2031 = 5,940
AVERAGE ELECTORATE PER COUNCILLOR IN 2031 = 2,894
WARD AVERAGE ELECTORATE PER COUNCILLOR IN 2031 = 2,970
VARIANCE FROM AVERAGE IN 2031 = 2.61%

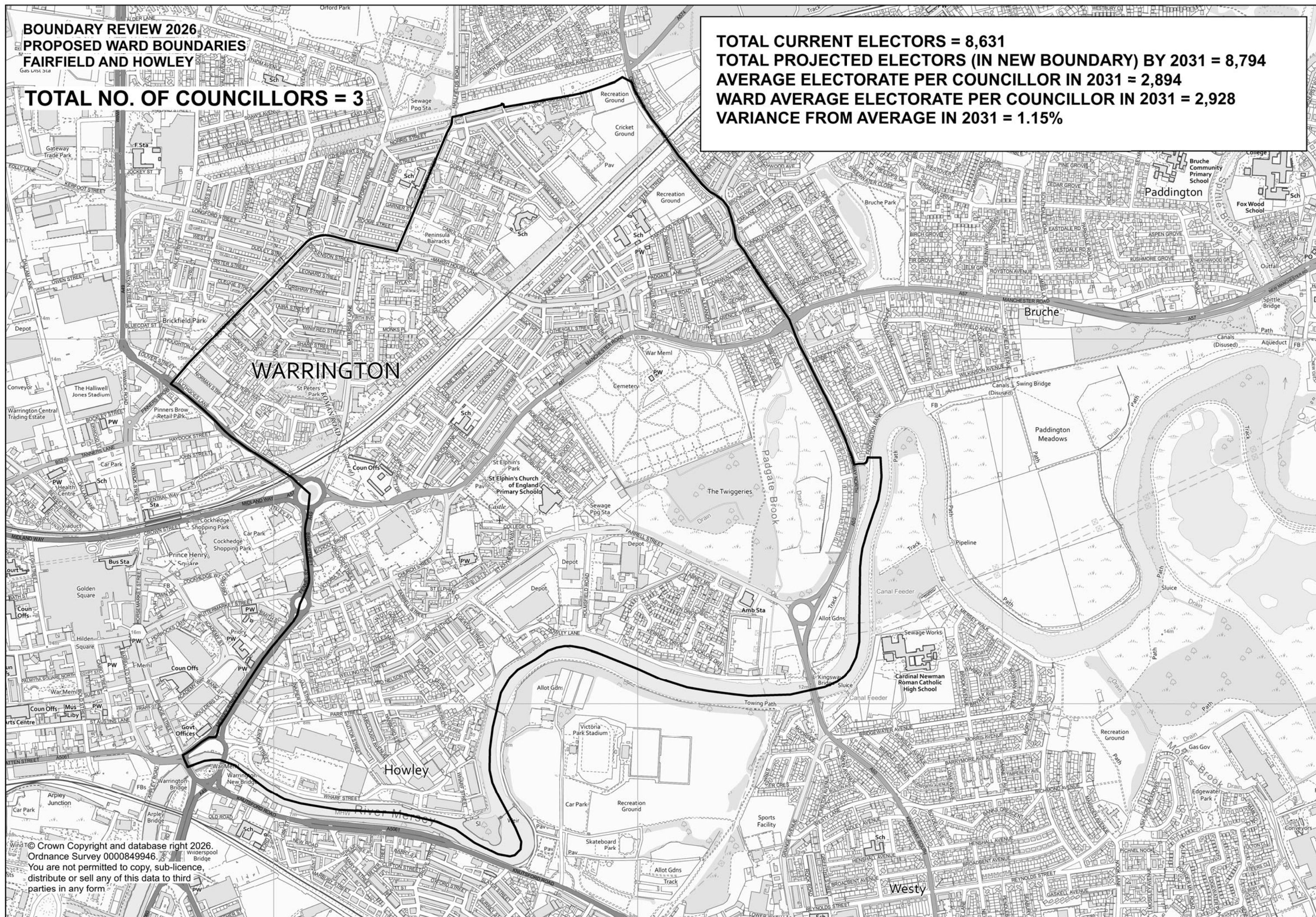


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PROPOSED WARD BOUNDARIES
FAIRFIELD AND HOWLEY

TOTAL NO. OF COUNCILLORS = 3

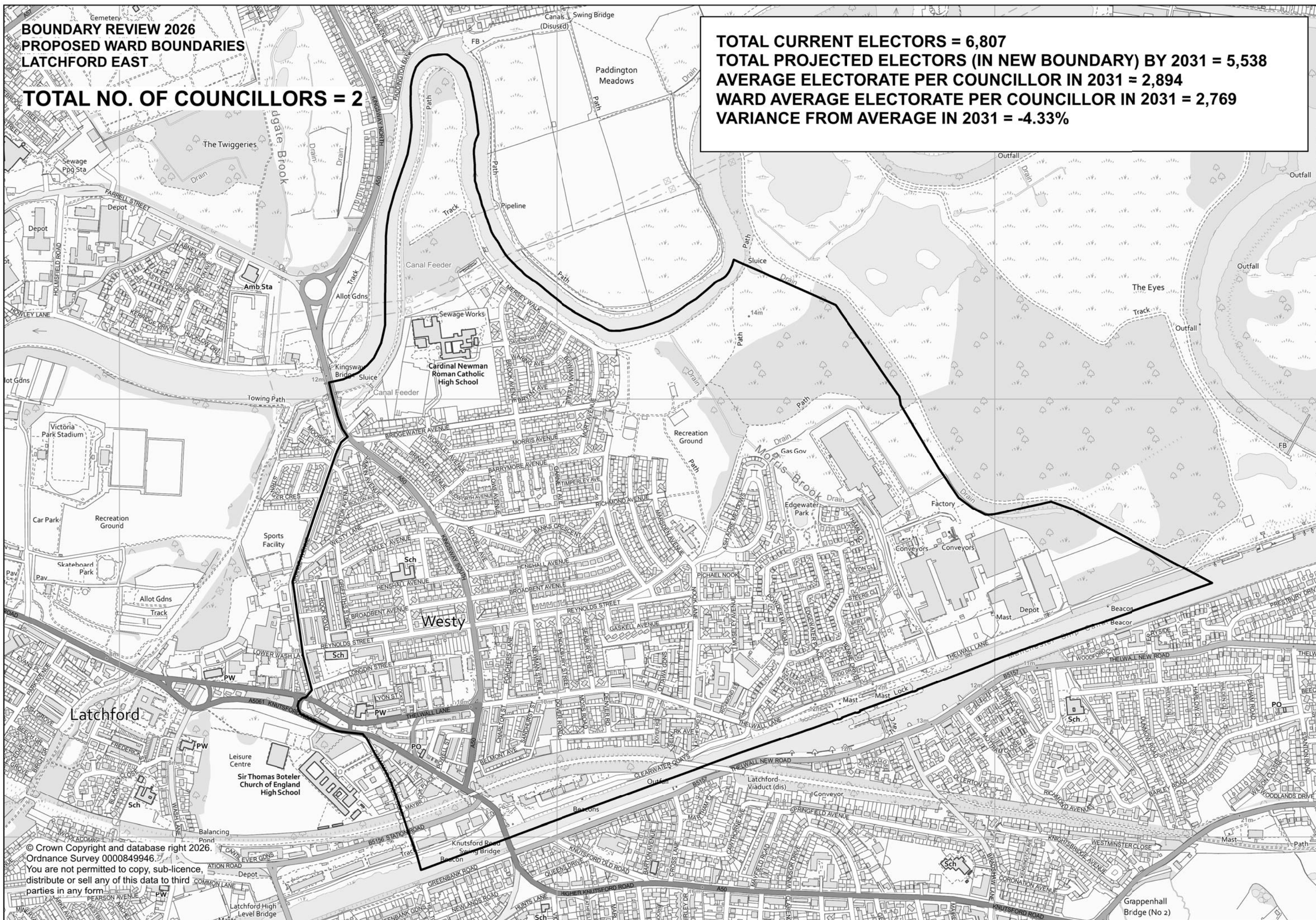
TOTAL CURRENT ELECTORS = 8,631
TOTAL PROJECTED ELECTORS (IN NEW BOUNDARY) BY 2031 = 8,794
AVERAGE ELECTORATE PER COUNCILLOR IN 2031 = 2,894
WARD AVERAGE ELECTORATE PER COUNCILLOR IN 2031 = 2,928
VARIANCE FROM AVERAGE IN 2031 = 1.15%



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PROPOSED WARD BOUNDARIES
LATCHFORD EAST**

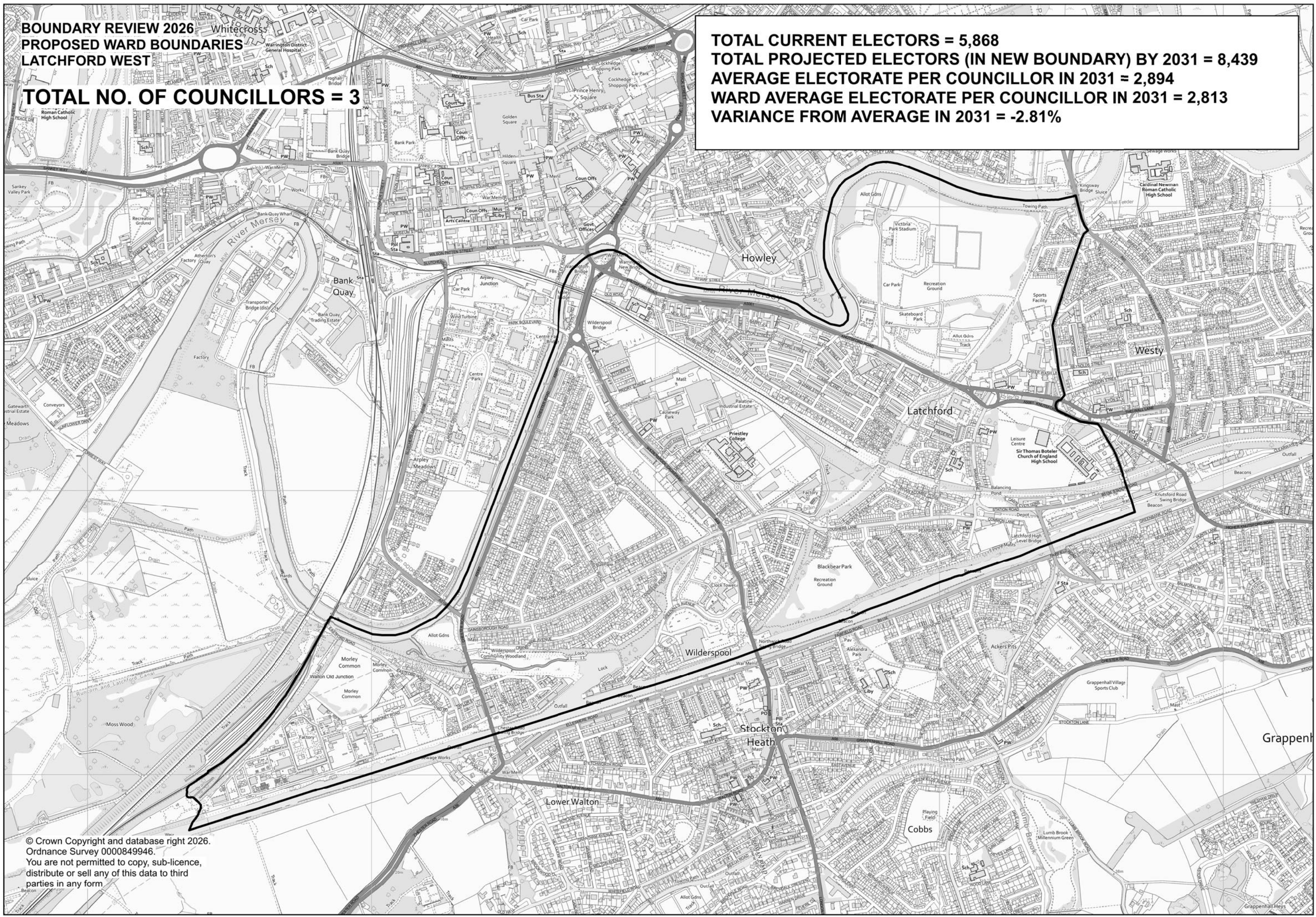
TOTAL NO. OF COUNCILLORS = 2

**TOTAL CURRENT ELECTORS = 6,807
TOTAL PROJECTED ELECTORS (IN NEW BOUNDARY) BY 2031 = 5,538
AVERAGE ELECTORATE PER COUNCILLOR IN 2031 = 2,894
WARD AVERAGE ELECTORATE PER COUNCILLOR IN 2031 = 2,769
VARIANCE FROM AVERAGE IN 2031 = -4.33%**



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PROPOSED WARD BOUNDARIES
LATCHFORD WEST
TOTAL NO. OF COUNCILLORS = 3

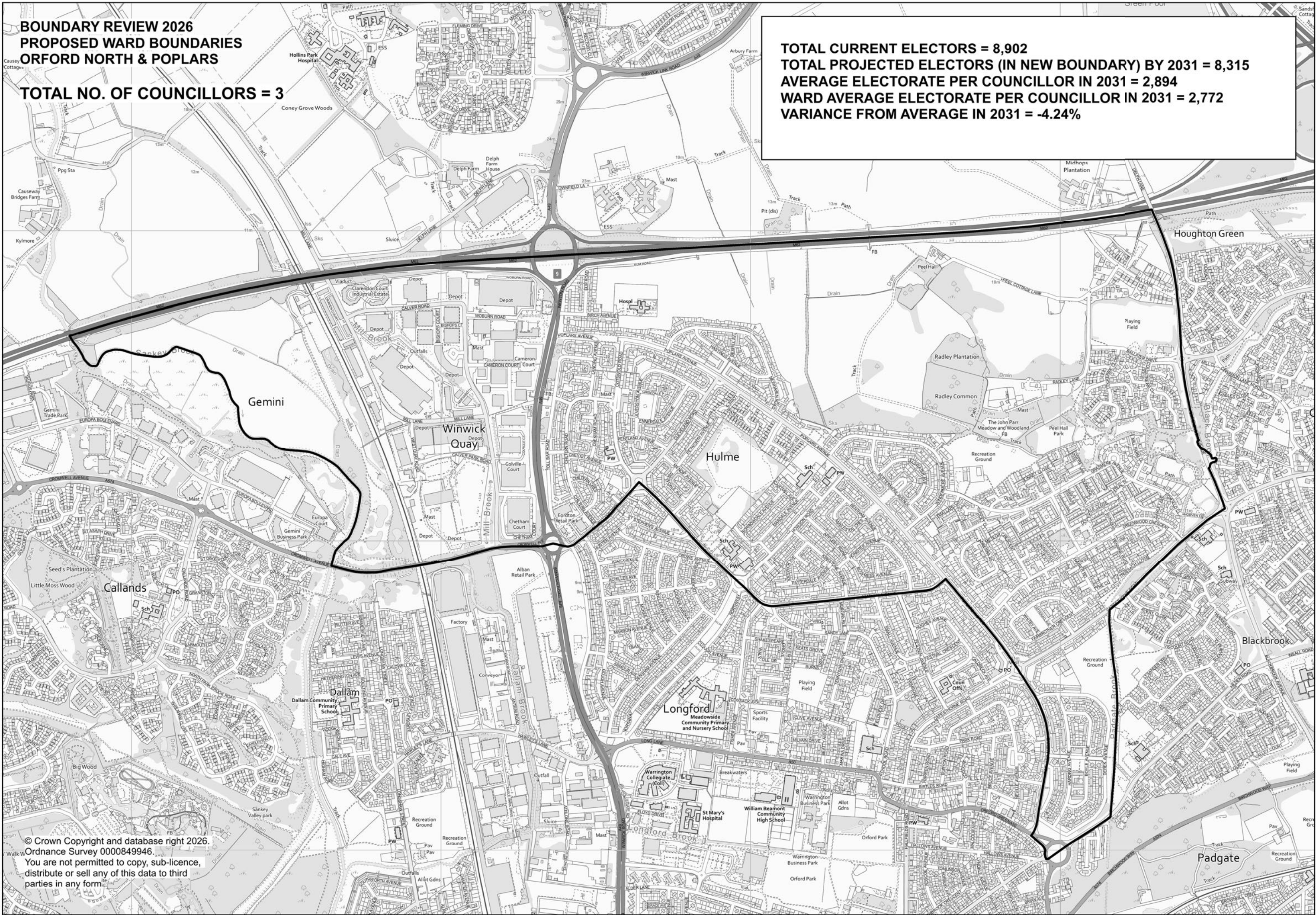
TOTAL CURRENT ELECTORS = 5,868
TOTAL PROJECTED ELECTORS (IN NEW BOUNDARY) BY 2031 = 8,439
AVERAGE ELECTORATE PER COUNCILLOR IN 2031 = 2,894
WARD AVERAGE ELECTORATE PER COUNCILLOR IN 2031 = 2,813
VARIANCE FROM AVERAGE IN 2031 = -2.81%



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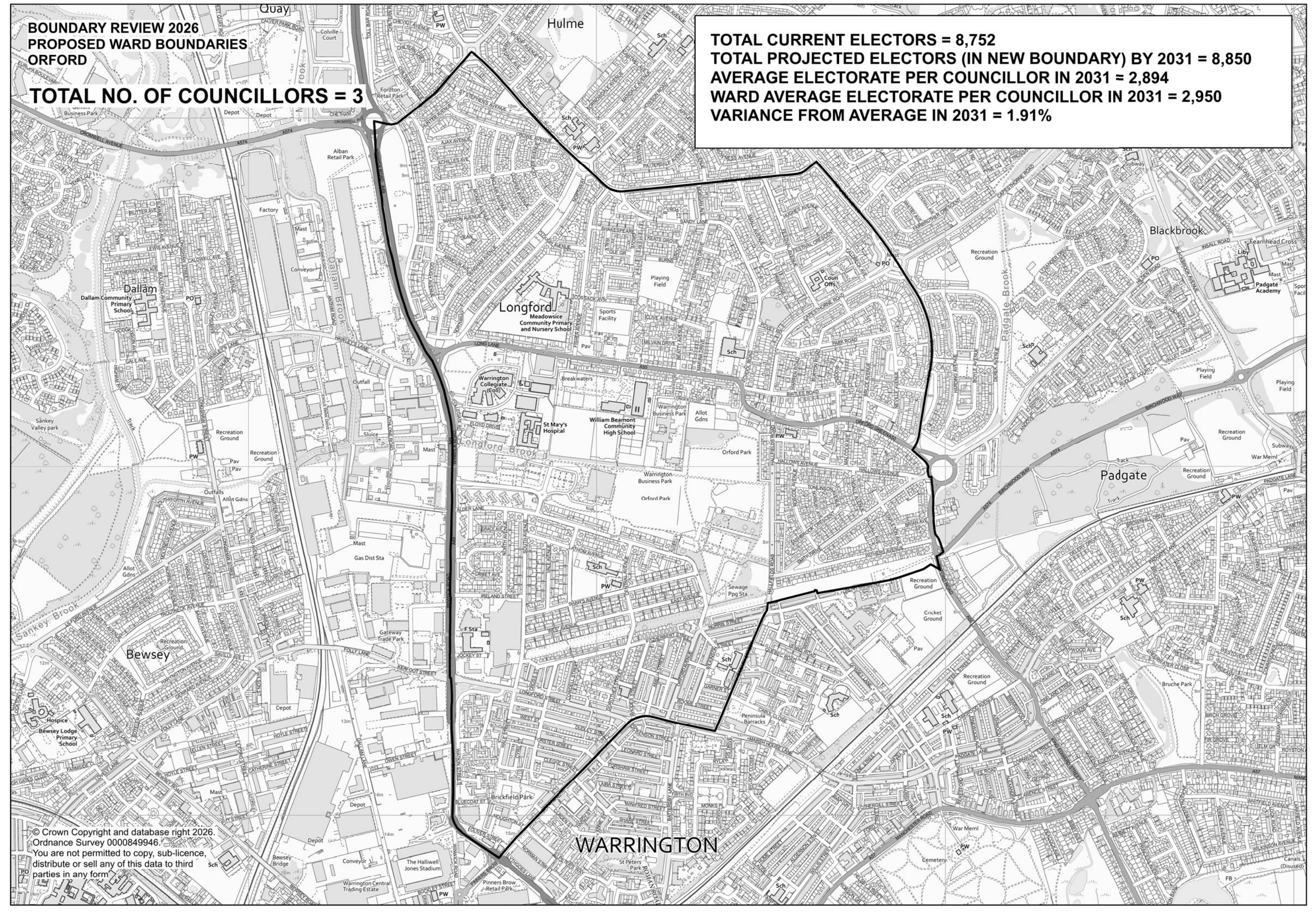
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PROPOSED WARD BOUNDARIES
ORFORD NORTH & POPLARS
TOTAL NO. OF COUNCILLORS = 3

TOTAL CURRENT ELECTORS = 8,902
TOTAL PROJECTED ELECTORS (IN NEW BOUNDARY) BY 2031 = 8,315
AVERAGE ELECTORATE PER COUNCILLOR IN 2031 = 2,894
WARD AVERAGE ELECTORATE PER COUNCILLOR IN 2031 = 2,772
VARIANCE FROM AVERAGE IN 2031 = -4.24%



BOUNDARY REVIEW 2026
PROPOSED WARD BOUNDARIES
ORFORD
TOTAL NO. OF COUNCILLORS = 3

TOTAL CURRENT ELECTORS = 8,752
TOTAL PROJECTED ELECTORS (IN NEW BOUNDARY) BY 2031 = 8,850
AVERAGE ELECTORATE PER COUNCILLOR IN 2031 = 2,894
WARD AVERAGE ELECTORATE PER COUNCILLOR IN 2031 = 2,950
VARIANCE FROM AVERAGE IN 2031 = 1.91%



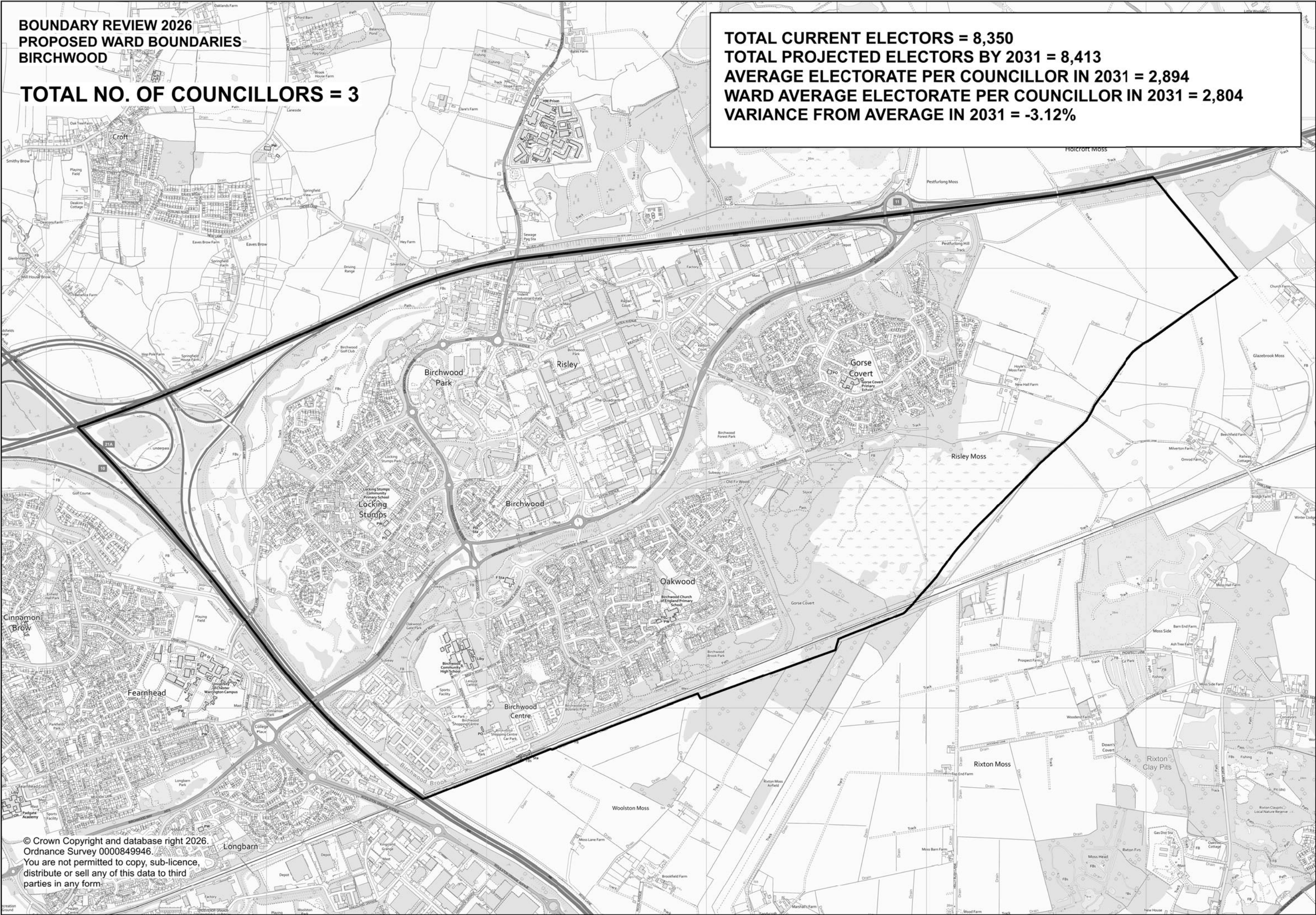
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PROPOSED WARD BOUNDARIES
BIRCHWOOD

TOTAL NO. OF COUNCILLORS = 3

TOTAL CURRENT ELECTORS = 8,350
TOTAL PROJECTED ELECTORS BY 2031 = 8,413
AVERAGE ELECTORATE PER COUNCILLOR IN 2031 = 2,894
WARD AVERAGE ELECTORATE PER COUNCILLOR IN 2031 = 2,804
VARIANCE FROM AVERAGE IN 2031 = -3.12%

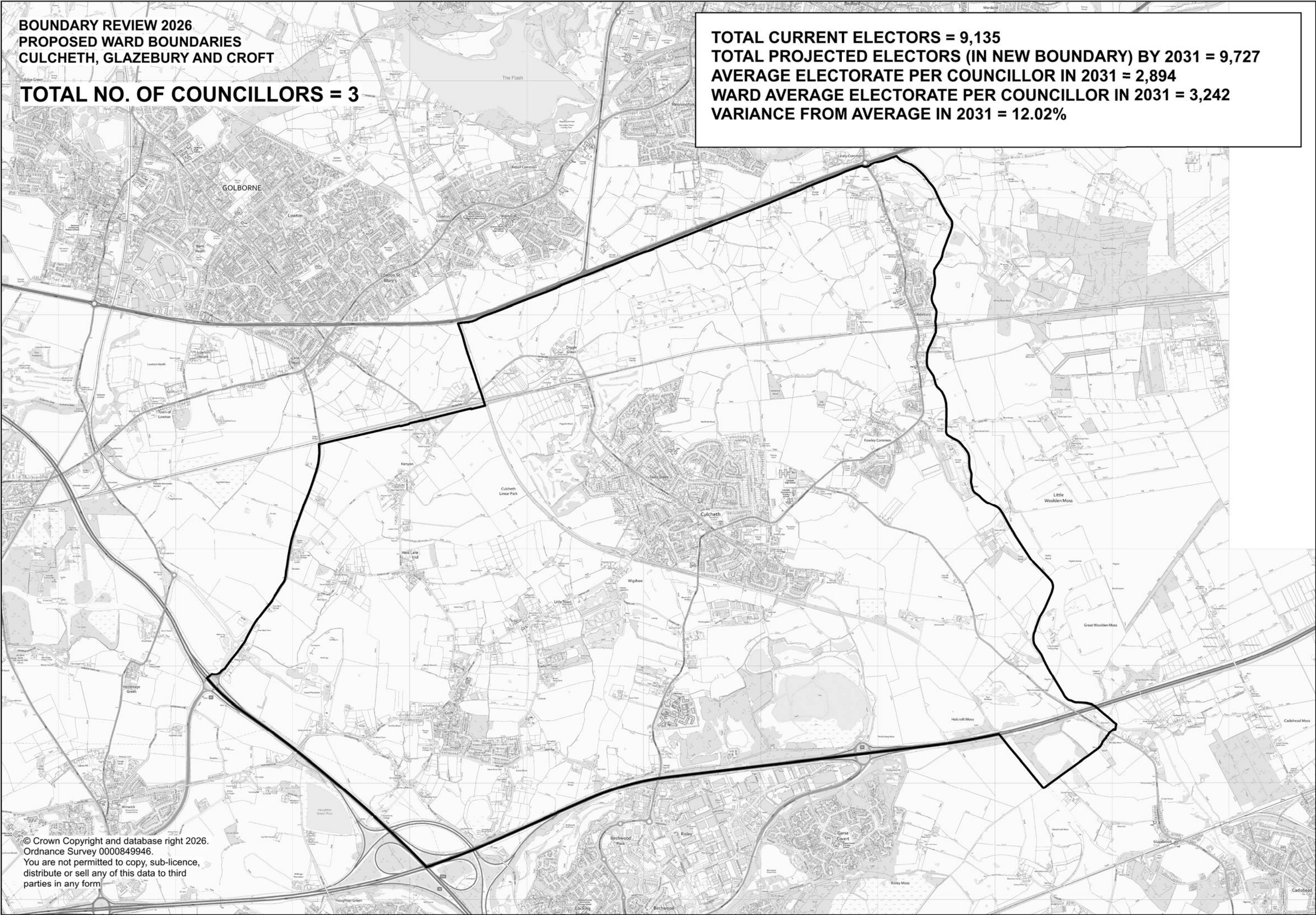


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PROPOSED WARD BOUNDARIES
CULCHETH, GLAZEBURY AND CROFT**

TOTAL NO. OF COUNCILLORS = 3

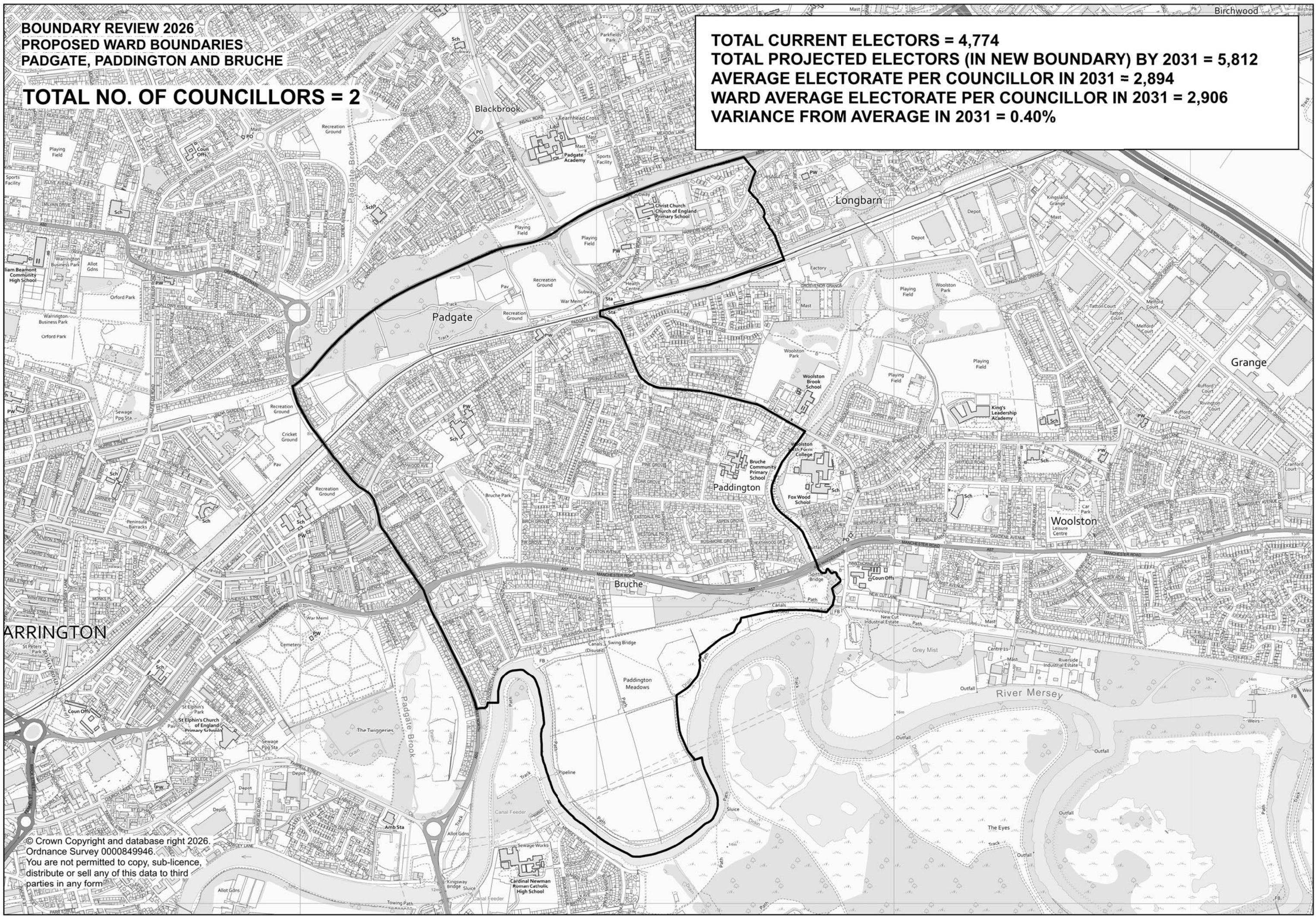
**TOTAL CURRENT ELECTORS = 9,135
TOTAL PROJECTED ELECTORS (IN NEW BOUNDARY) BY 2031 = 9,727
AVERAGE ELECTORATE PER COUNCILLOR IN 2031 = 2,894
WARD AVERAGE ELECTORATE PER COUNCILLOR IN 2031 = 3,242
VARIANCE FROM AVERAGE IN 2031 = 12.02%**



BOUNDARY REVIEW 2026
PROPOSED WARD BOUNDARIES
PADGATE, PADDINGTON AND BRUCHE

TOTAL NO. OF COUNCILLORS = 2

TOTAL CURRENT ELECTORS = 4,774
TOTAL PROJECTED ELECTORS (IN NEW BOUNDARY) BY 2031 = 5,812
AVERAGE ELECTORATE PER COUNCILLOR IN 2031 = 2,894
WARD AVERAGE ELECTORATE PER COUNCILLOR IN 2031 = 2,906
VARIANCE FROM AVERAGE IN 2031 = 0.40%

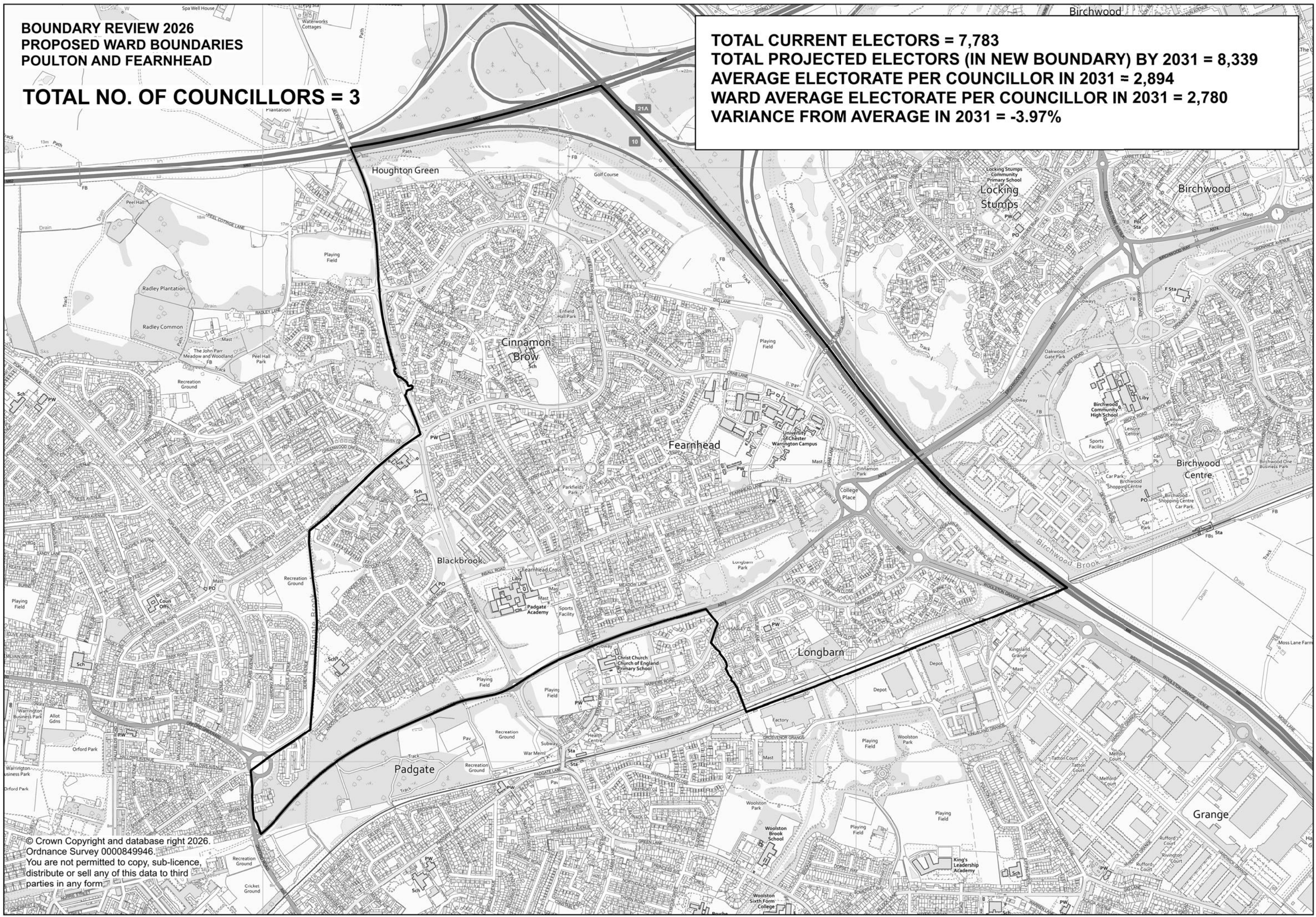


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BOUNDARY REVIEW 2026
PROPOSED WARD BOUNDARIES
POULTON AND FEARNHED

TOTAL NO. OF COUNCILLORS = 3

TOTAL CURRENT ELECTORS = 7,783
TOTAL PROJECTED ELECTORS (IN NEW BOUNDARY) BY 2031 = 8,339
AVERAGE ELECTORATE PER COUNCILLOR IN 2031 = 2,894
WARD AVERAGE ELECTORATE PER COUNCILLOR IN 2031 = 2,780
VARIANCE FROM AVERAGE IN 2031 = -3.97%

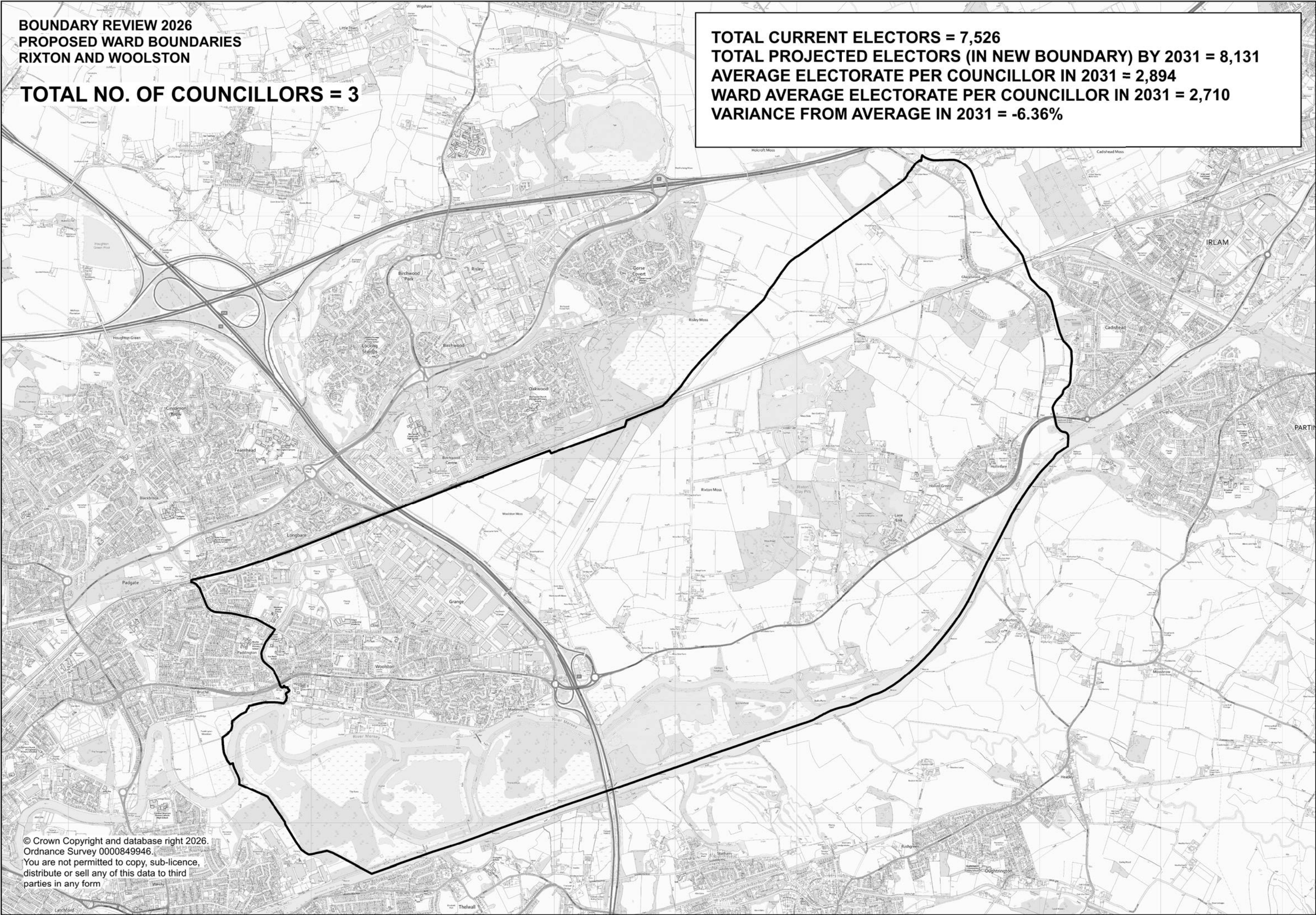


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PROPOSED WARD BOUNDARIES
RIXTON AND WOOLSTON

TOTAL NO. OF COUNCILLORS = 3

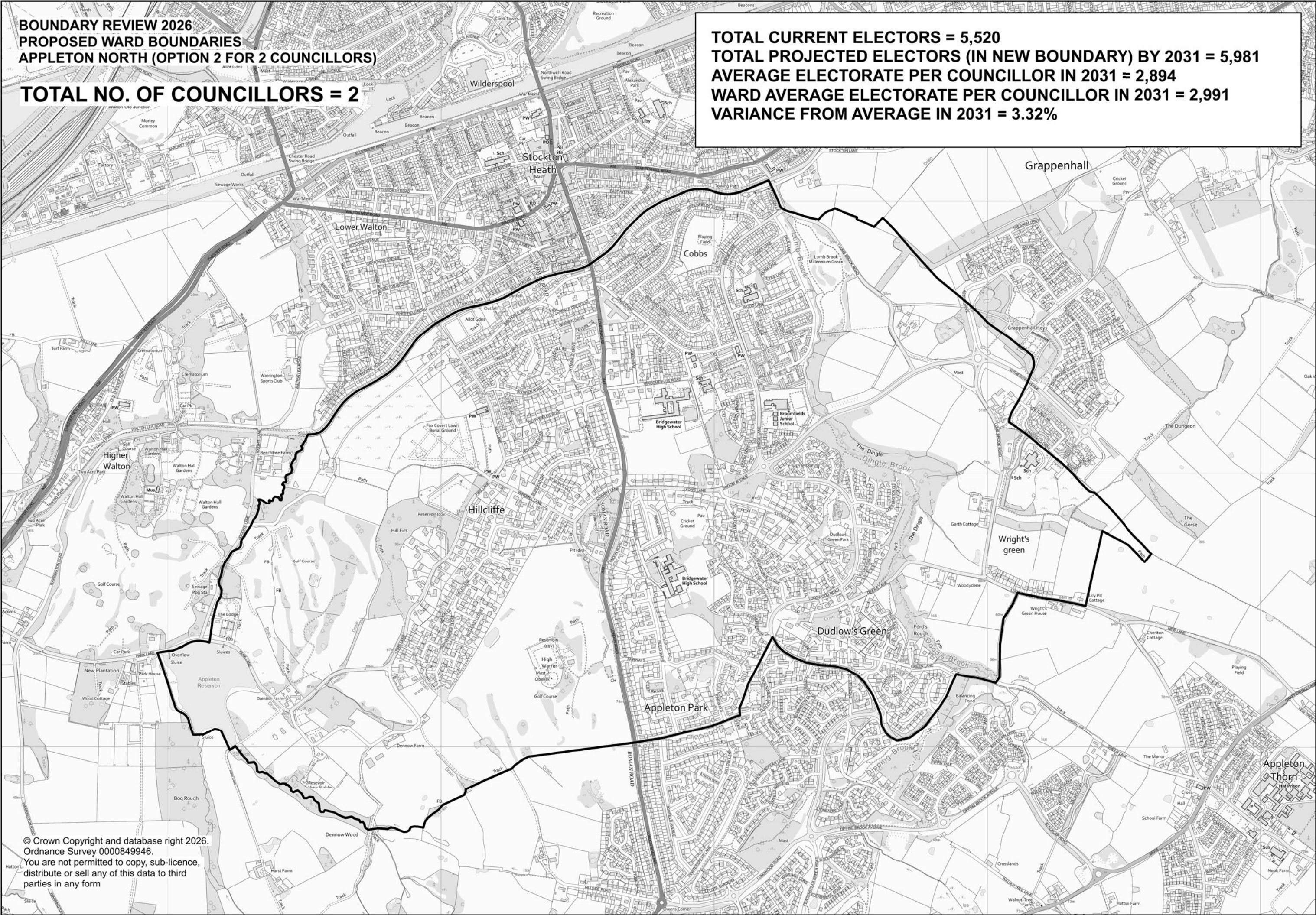
TOTAL CURRENT ELECTORS = 7,526
TOTAL PROJECTED ELECTORS (IN NEW BOUNDARY) BY 2031 = 8,131
AVERAGE ELECTORATE PER COUNCILLOR IN 2031 = 2,894
WARD AVERAGE ELECTORATE PER COUNCILLOR IN 2031 = 2,710
VARIANCE FROM AVERAGE IN 2031 = -6.36%



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APPLETON NORTH (OPTION 2 FOR 2 COUNCILLORS)
TOTAL NO. OF COUNCILLORS = 2

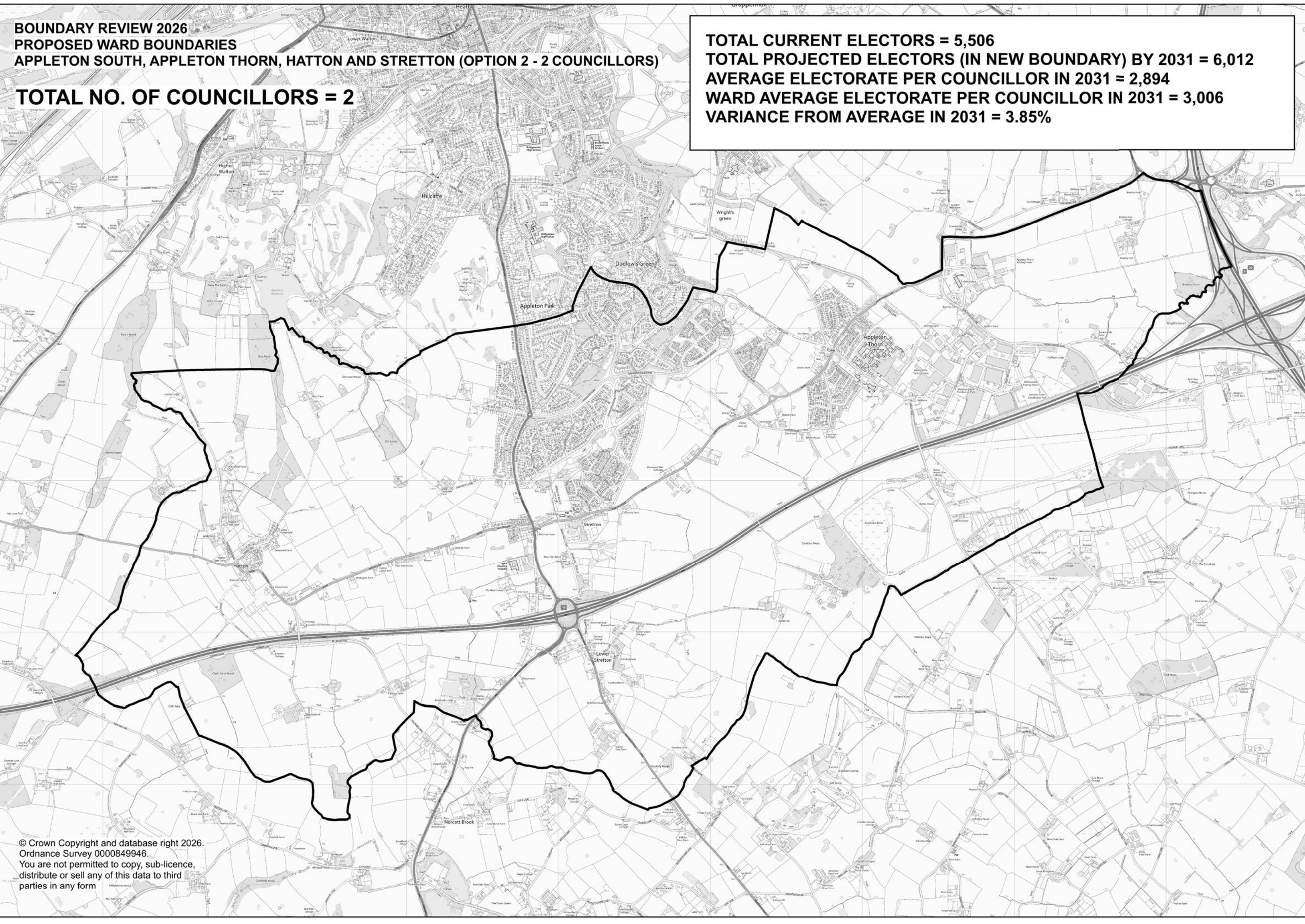
TOTAL CURRENT ELECTORS = 5,520
TOTAL PROJECTED ELECTORS (IN NEW BOUNDARY) BY 2031 = 5,981
AVERAGE ELECTORATE PER COUNCILLOR IN 2031 = 2,894
WARD AVERAGE ELECTORATE PER COUNCILLOR IN 2031 = 2,991
VARIANCE FROM AVERAGE IN 2031 = 3.32%



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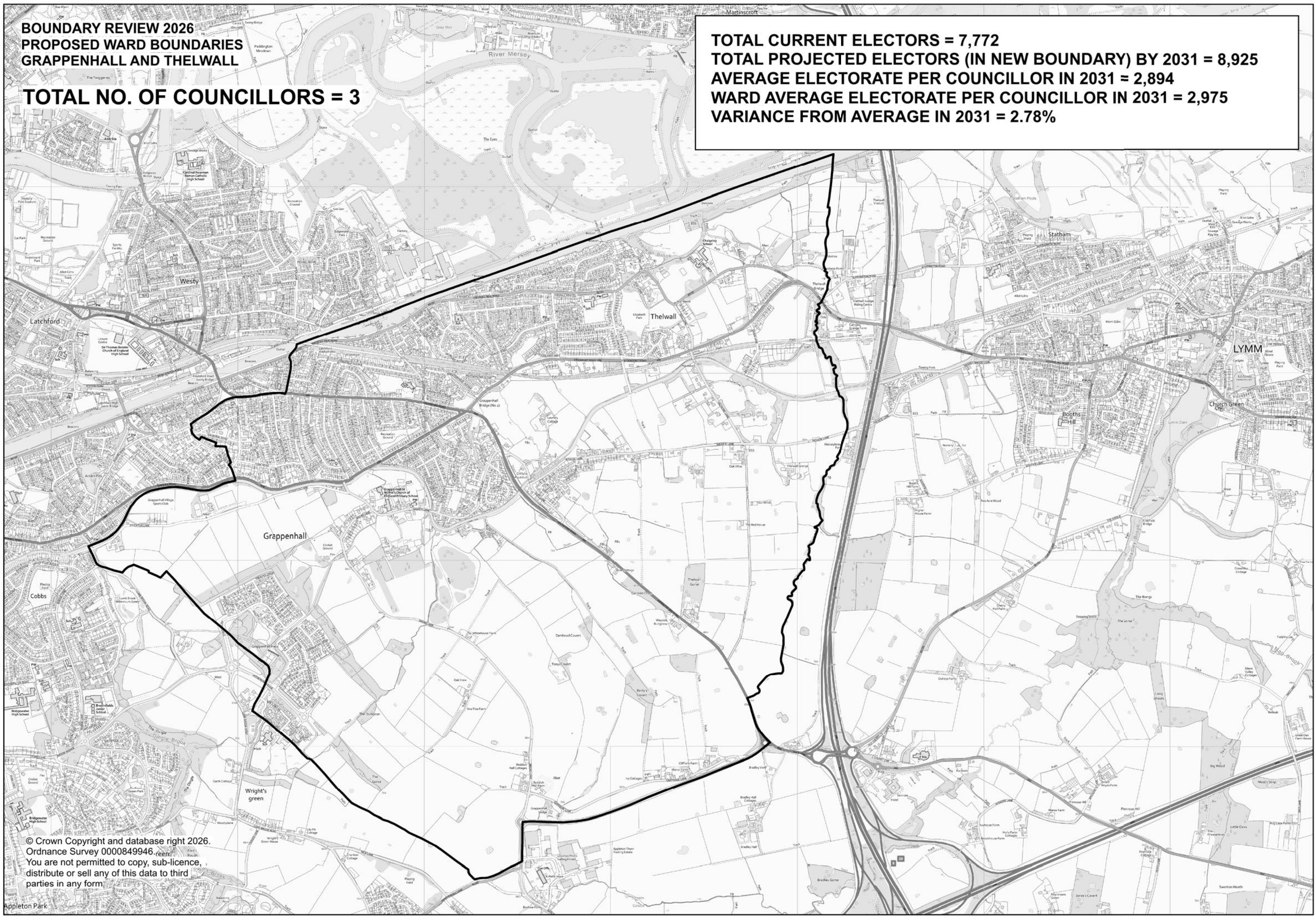
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PROPOSED WARD BOUNDARIES
APPLETON SOUTH, APPLETON THORN, HATTON AND STRETTON (OPTION 2 - 2 COUNCILLORS)
TOTAL NO. OF COUNCILLORS = 2

TOTAL CURRENT ELECTORS = 5,506
TOTAL PROJECTED ELECTORS (IN NEW BOUNDARY) BY 2031 = 6,012
AVERAGE ELECTORATE PER COUNCILLOR IN 2031 = 2,894
WARD AVERAGE ELECTORATE PER COUNCILLOR IN 2031 = 3,006
VARIANCE FROM AVERAGE IN 2031 = 3.85%



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PROPOSED WARD BOUNDARIES
GRAPPENHALL AND THELWALL
TOTAL NO. OF COUNCILLORS = 3

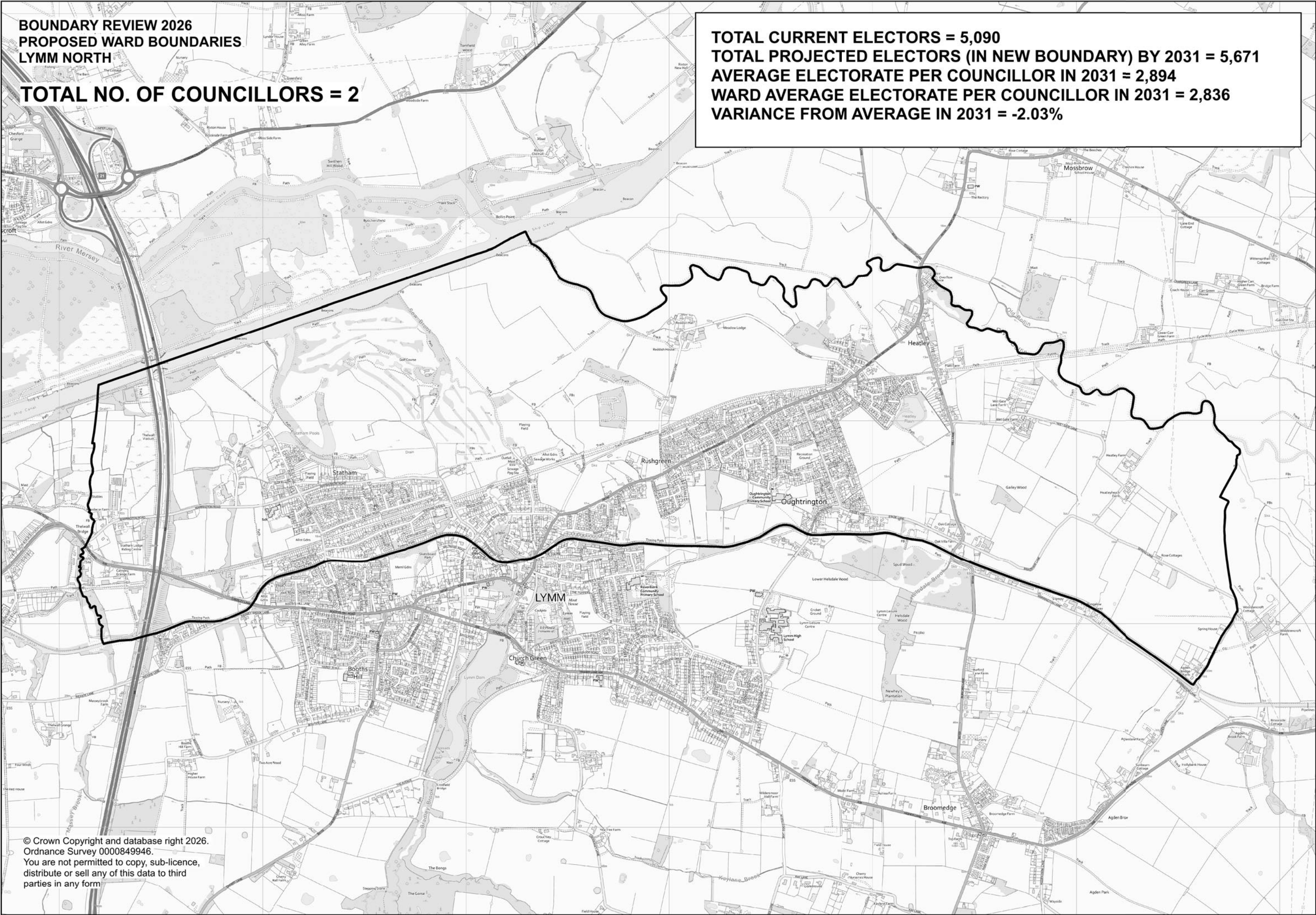
TOTAL CURRENT ELECTORS = 7,772
TOTAL PROJECTED ELECTORS (IN NEW BOUNDARY) BY 2031 = 8,925
AVERAGE ELECTORATE PER COUNCILLOR IN 2031 = 2,894
WARD AVERAGE ELECTORATE PER COUNCILLOR IN 2031 = 2,975
VARIANCE FROM AVERAGE IN 2031 = 2.78%



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PROPOSED WARD BOUNDARIES
LYMM NORTH
TOTAL NO. OF COUNCILLORS = 2

TOTAL CURRENT ELECTORS = 5,090
TOTAL PROJECTED ELECTORS (IN NEW BOUNDARY) BY 2031 = 5,671
AVERAGE ELECTORATE PER COUNCILLOR IN 2031 = 2,894
WARD AVERAGE ELECTORATE PER COUNCILLOR IN 2031 = 2,836
VARIANCE FROM AVERAGE IN 2031 = -2.03%

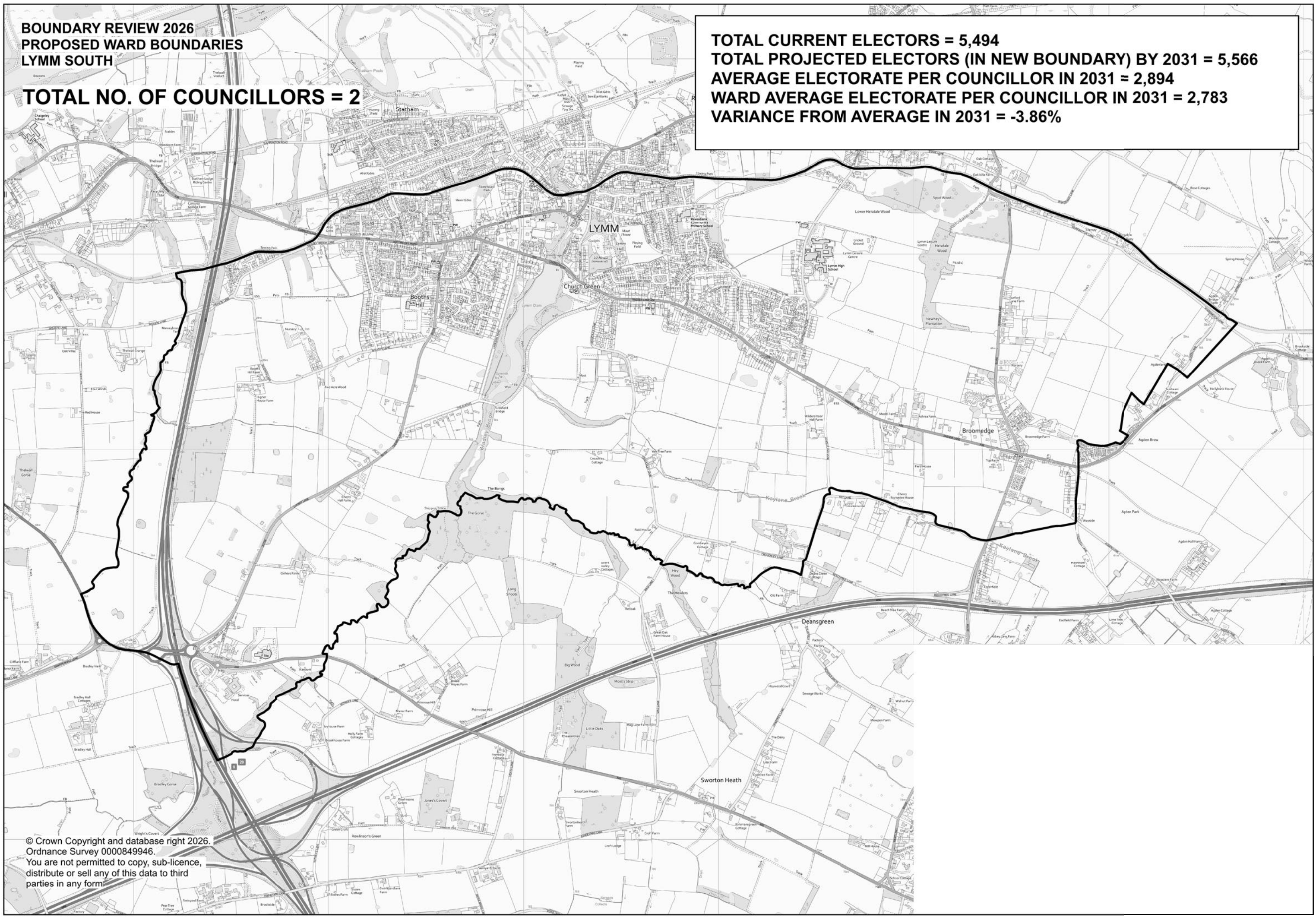


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**BOUNDARY REVIEW 2026
PROPOSED WARD BOUNDARIES
LYMM SOUTH**

TOTAL NO. OF COUNCILLORS = 2

**TOTAL CURRENT ELECTORS = 5,494
TOTAL PROJECTED ELECTORS (IN NEW BOUNDARY) BY 2031 = 5,566
AVERAGE ELECTORATE PER COUNCILLOR IN 2031 = 2,894
WARD AVERAGE ELECTORATE PER COUNCILLOR IN 2031 = 2,783
VARIANCE FROM AVERAGE IN 2031 = -3.86%**

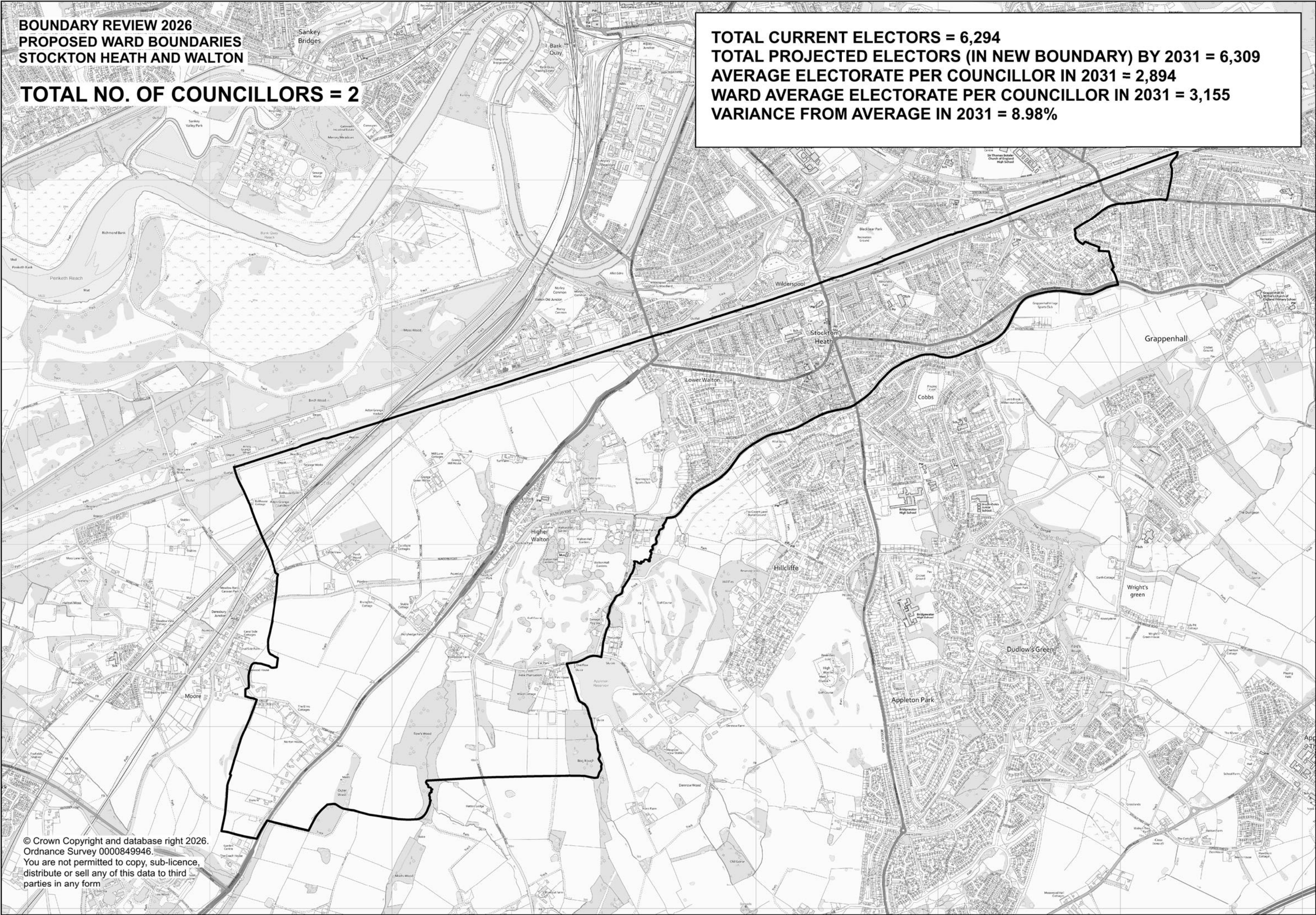


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PROPOSED WARD BOUNDARIES
STOCKTON HEATH AND WALTON**

TOTAL NO. OF COUNCILLORS = 2

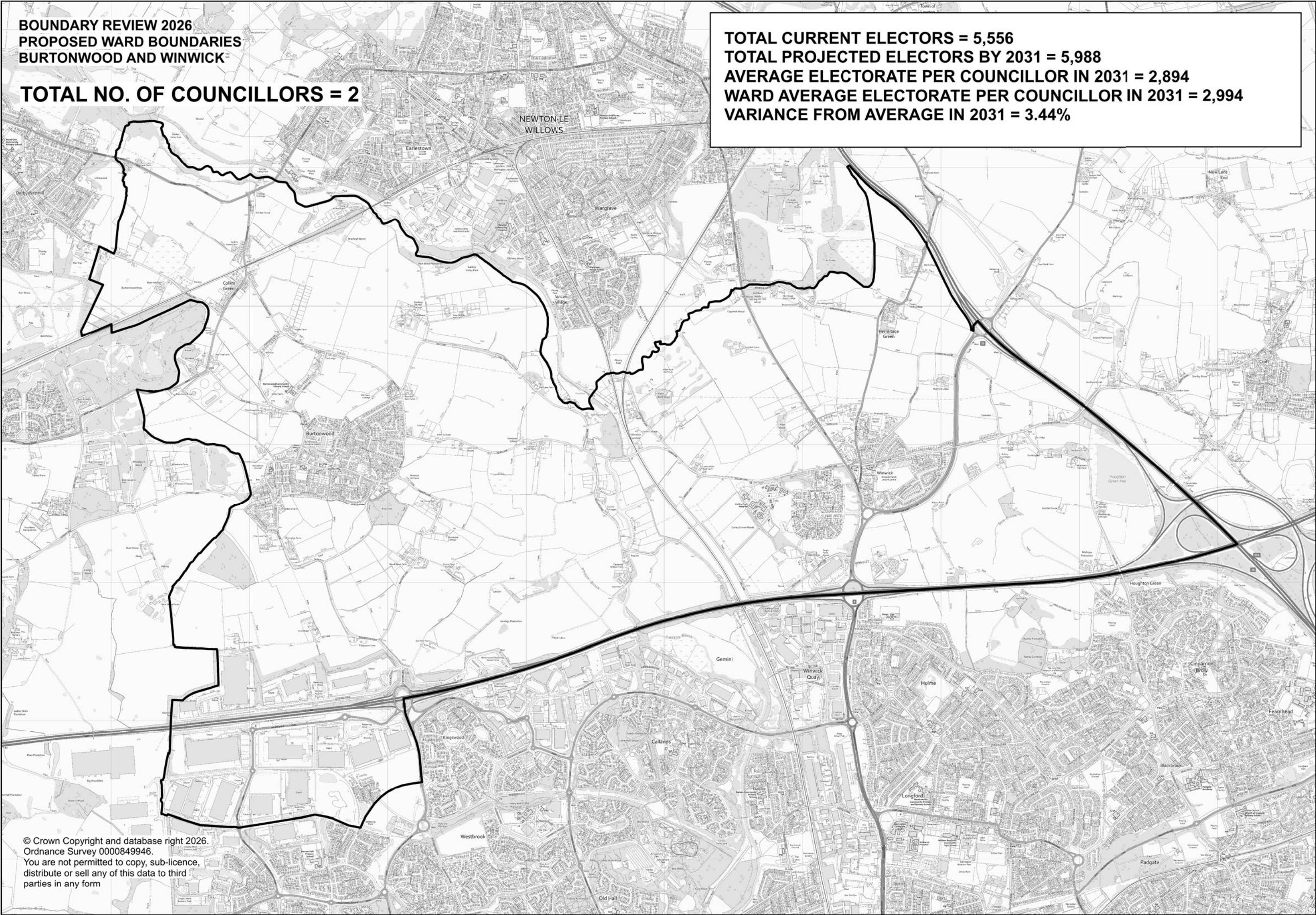
**TOTAL CURRENT ELECTORS = 6,294
TOTAL PROJECTED ELECTORS (IN NEW BOUNDARY) BY 2031 = 6,309
AVERAGE ELECTORATE PER COUNCILLOR IN 2031 = 2,894
WARD AVERAGE ELECTORATE PER COUNCILLOR IN 2031 = 3,155
VARIANCE FROM AVERAGE IN 2031 = 8.98%**



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PROPOSED WARD BOUNDARIES
BURTONWOOD AND WINWICK

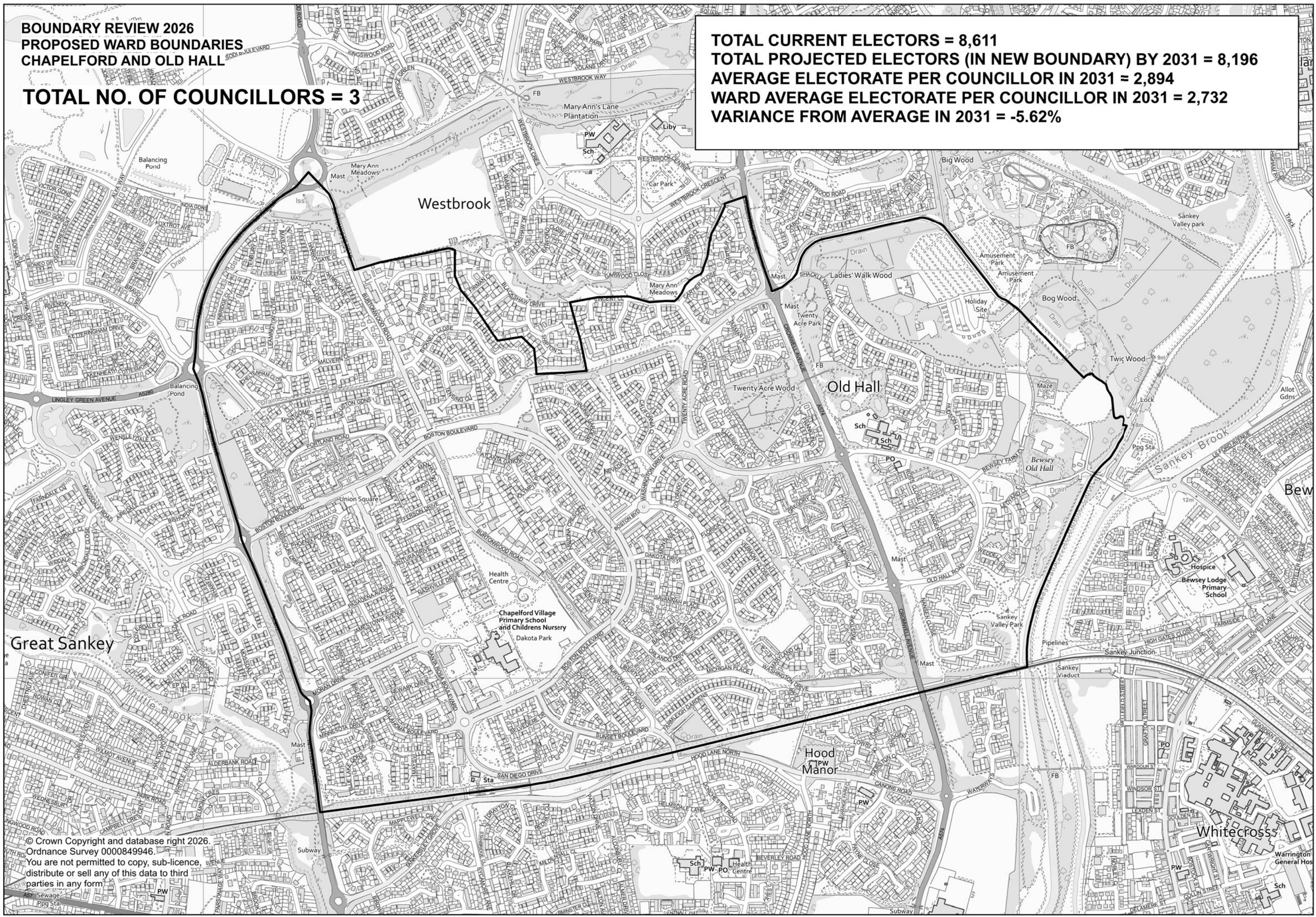
TOTAL NO. OF COUNCILLORS = 2

TOTAL CURRENT ELECTORS = 5,556
TOTAL PROJECTED ELECTORS BY 2031 = 5,988
AVERAGE ELECTORATE PER COUNCILLOR IN 2031 = 2,894
WARD AVERAGE ELECTORATE PER COUNCILLOR IN 2031 = 2,994
VARIANCE FROM AVERAGE IN 2031 = 3.44%



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PROPOSED WARD BOUNDARIES
CHAPELFORD AND OLD HALL
TOTAL NO. OF COUNCILLORS = 3

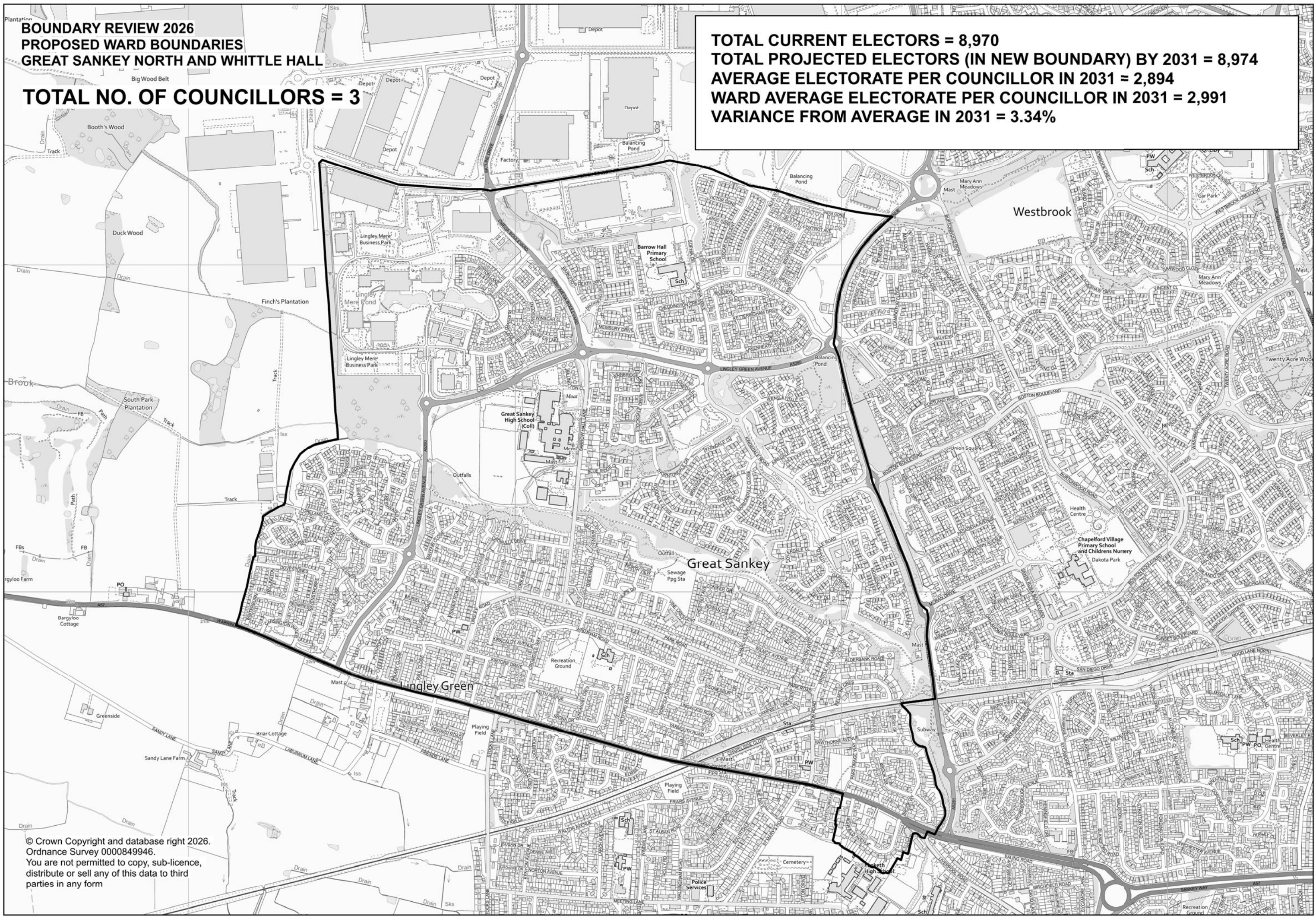
TOTAL CURRENT ELECTORS = 8,611
TOTAL PROJECTED ELECTORS (IN NEW BOUNDARY) BY 2031 = 8,196
AVERAGE ELECTORATE PER COUNCILLOR IN 2031 = 2,894
WARD AVERAGE ELECTORATE PER COUNCILLOR IN 2031 = 2,732
VARIANCE FROM AVERAGE IN 2031 = -5.62%



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PROPOSED WARD BOUNDARIES
GREAT SANKEY NORTH AND WHITTLE HALL

TOTAL NO. OF COUNCILLORS = 3

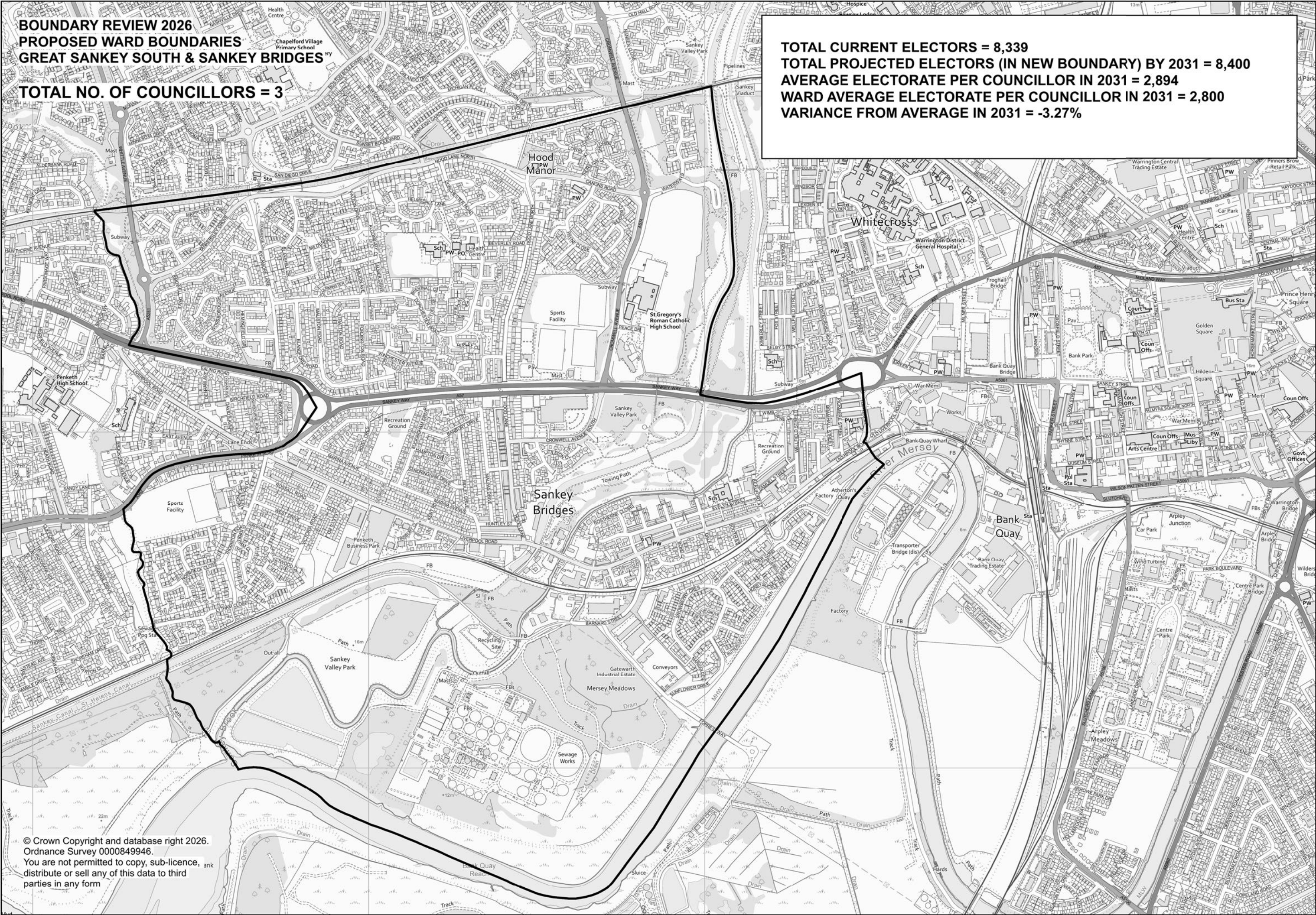
TOTAL CURRENT ELECTORS = 8,970
TOTAL PROJECTED ELECTORS (IN NEW BOUNDARY) BY 2031 = 8,974
AVERAGE ELECTORATE PER COUNCILLOR IN 2031 = 2,894
WARD AVERAGE ELECTORATE PER COUNCILLOR IN 2031 = 2,991
VARIANCE FROM AVERAGE IN 2031 = 3.34%



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GREAT SANKEY SOUTH & SANKEY BRIDGES
TOTAL NO. OF COUNCILLORS = 3

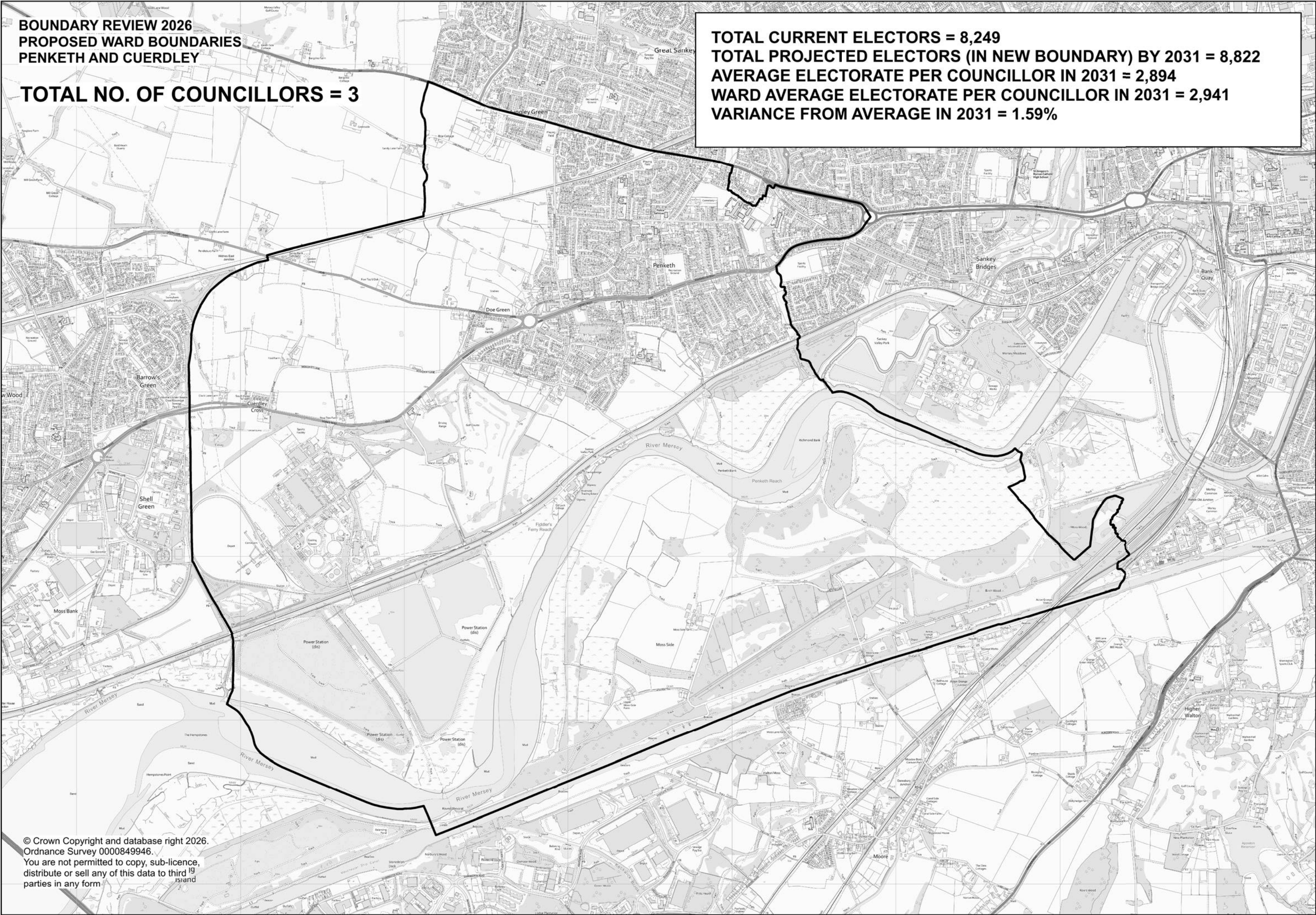
TOTAL CURRENT ELECTORS = 8,339
TOTAL PROJECTED ELECTORS (IN NEW BOUNDARY) BY 2031 = 8,400
AVERAGE ELECTORATE PER COUNCILLOR IN 2031 = 2,894
WARD AVERAGE ELECTORATE PER COUNCILLOR IN 2031 = 2,800
VARIANCE FROM AVERAGE IN 2031 = -3.27%



**BOUNDARY REVIEW 2026
PROPOSED WARD BOUNDARIES
PENKETH AND CUERDLEY**

TOTAL NO. OF COUNCILLORS = 3

**TOTAL CURRENT ELECTORS = 8,249
TOTAL PROJECTED ELECTORS (IN NEW BOUNDARY) BY 2031 = 8,822
AVERAGE ELECTORATE PER COUNCILLOR IN 2031 = 2,894
WARD AVERAGE ELECTORATE PER COUNCILLOR IN 2031 = 2,941
VARIANCE FROM AVERAGE IN 2031 = 1.59%**



BOUNDARY REVIEW 2026
PROPOSED WARD BOUNDARIES
WESTBROOK AND CALLANDS

TOTAL NO. OF COUNCILLORS = 2

TOTAL CURRENT ELECTORS = 5,195
TOTAL PROJECTED ELECTORS (IN NEW BOUNDARY) BY 2031 = 6,337
AVERAGE ELECTORATE PER COUNCILLOR IN 2031 = 2,894
WARD AVERAGE ELECTORATE PER COUNCILLOR IN 2031 = 3,168
VARIANCE FROM AVERAGE IN 2031 = 9.46%

